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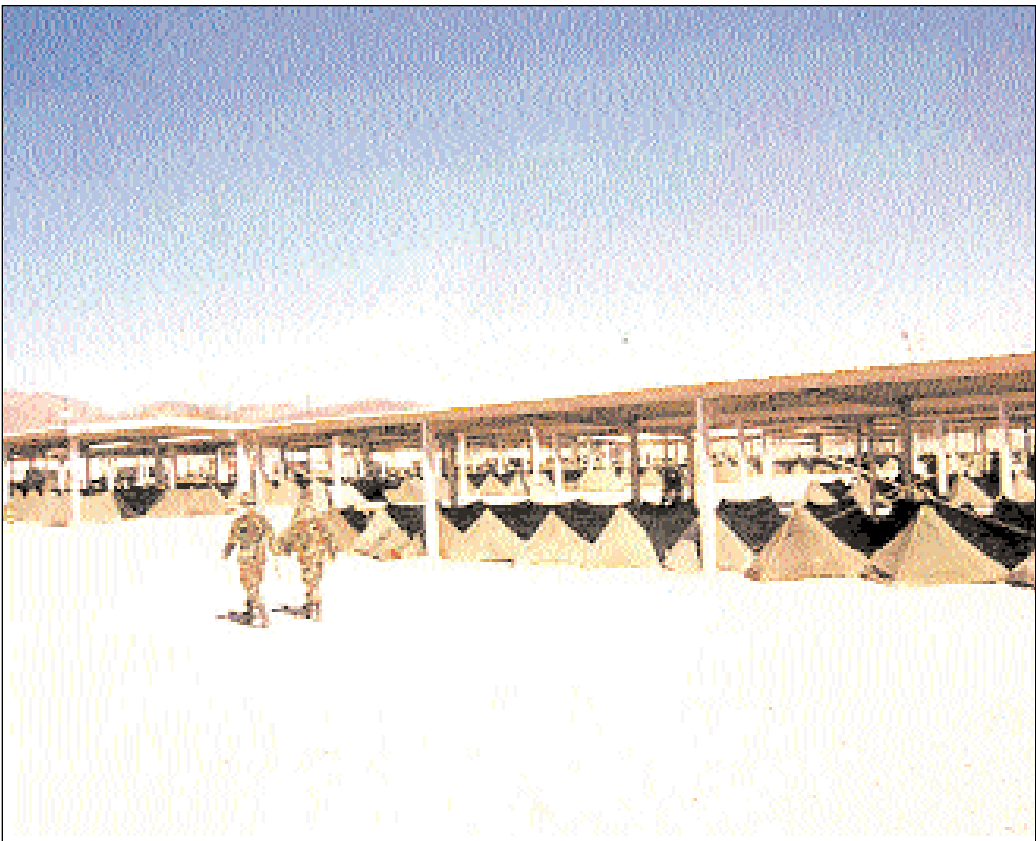
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FRI		
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SAT		
High		Low
69°		38°
SUN		
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Life in the 'Dust Bowl' *Soldiers prepare for war, bide time*



Pfc. Adam Nuelken

Two soldiers walk past "Tent City" in the Dust Bowl for the 03-02 rotation at the National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, Calif.

Pfc. Adam Nuelken

Staff Writer

Soldiers from 1st Brigade found themselves living in a tent city surrounded by dirt and dust shortly after arriving at NTC last week. This dry area, known as the Dust Bowl, is where they recovered their bags and began staging for "war" against the Opposition Force.

During this preparation, many of the soldiers found themselves with a good amount of down time as they wait to have the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System loaded onto their vehicles. Many soldiers spent the time playing cards, relaxing, getting rest and hanging out with friends.

"It's pretty relaxing," said Pfc. Marcus Jackson, a mechanic for Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery. "We'll play cards, use the phone center and play dominoes a lot."

Other soldiers find themselves working more often and having less time to relax. Those who have been here before find this rotation, 03-02, much nicer than their previous trips.

"It's better than what it was in 2000 because it's not windy and dusty," said Sgt. Bobby Thomas, a mechanic for Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, who spends much of his time working, reading and listening to music.

"It's been pretty good actually," according to Sgt. John Gressard, who is also a mechanic with the battery. "I've

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Garrison commander, mayor sign draft agreement for Wright Army Airfield

Jim Jeffcoat

Managing Editor

The Fort Stewart Garrison Commander and Liberty County officials held their second joint management board meeting Oct. 24 in the Hinesville City Hall main conference room to sign a draft agreement for joint management of Wright Army Airfield.

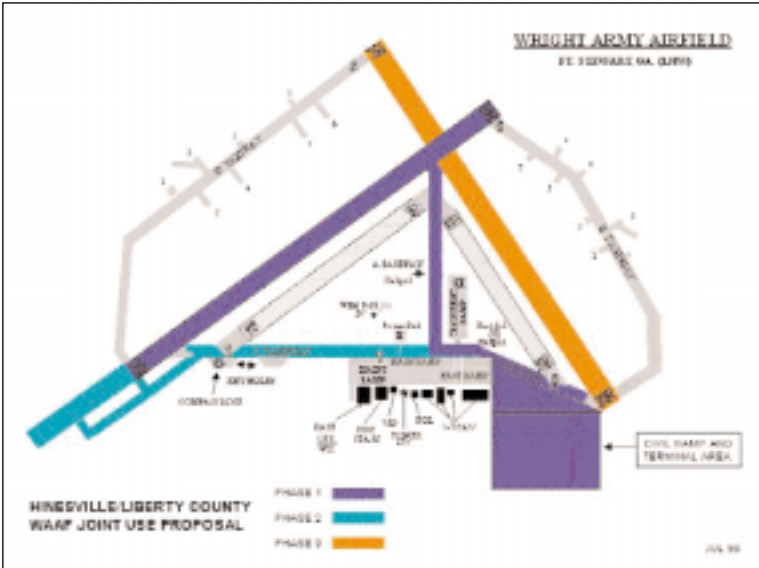
Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, garrison commander and Jim Thomas, Directorate of Public Works project manager, met with Hinesville Mayor Thomas J. Ratcliffe; James E. Smith, chairman Liberty County Board of Commission; and James A. Brown, chairman Liberty County Development Authority, to adopt a draft of the Joint

Use Agreement between The Liberty County Development Authority and the United States Army. The agreement is now on its way to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installation and Housing for final approval.

The Wright Army Airfield Joint Management Board anticipates that the House of Representatives and Senate will approve the annual Transportation Act, which provides over \$60 billion for the nation's transportation needs. That could mean about \$3 million of funding for civilian and military use and upgrade construction of Wright Army Airfield.

Thomas said the joint agreement

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JCS intern program offers masters degree

Tesia Williams

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Branch qualified captains selected to participate in the Joint Chief of Staff and the Secretary of Defense Intern Program will now attend Georgetown University for one year prior to their two-year internship and earn an executive masters degree in policy management.

Deadline for program applications is Dec. 2.

"The change to the JCS/OSD intern program will provide more graduate school opportunities to officers in the Operations Career Field," said Capt. Lisa Griffin, chief of civilian education, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command. "It brings the program in line with other the services' degree programs."

Officers will have the advantage of doing academic research prior to their internship, which will benefit them and their experience on the Joint Staff, Griffin said.

Georgetown University was chosen over other Military District of Washington institutions because it offers a mid-career masters program that takes officers' leadership experience into consideration, although applicants still need a 3.0 grade point average to qualify, she said.

In addition, the location will provide one more year of stability for officer's traveling with their family, she added.

Since fiscal year 2003 is the first year a graduate degree is offered in conjunction with the JCS/OSD intern program, PERSCOM will select up to 40 officers for the program, PERSCOM officials said.

"We have to keep the Joint Staff filled; therefore, 20 officers will report to Georgetown and the other twenty will get their degree after completing the internship," said Griffin.

The PERSCOM selection board will determine the officer's assignment, she said.

The JCS/OSD program was established in 1981 to expose and involve officers in critical decision making at the highest levels within our military and the Department of Defense.

Branch-qualified officers interested in applying should contact their assignment officer or Capt. Griffin at (703) 325-3141.



Sgt. Tony DeLeon

President George W. Bush gives brief remarks before signing two legislative bills to increase defense funding for U.S. service members at the White House's Rose Garden, Oct. 23. (left) Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld stand in the background.

President signs bills to increase defense funding for troops

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush signed two bills that will give service members the resources they need to serve America at home and abroad during a ceremony Oct. 23 at the White House.

"We've asked our military to liberate a captive people on the other side of the Earth. We've asked our military to prepare for conflict in Iraq, if it proves necessary. We owe them every tool they need to fulfill their missions," Bush said.

The first bill signed was the Defense Appropriations Bill, which is nearly \$335

billion — a \$37 billion increase from fiscal year 2002. The defense bill will go toward a 4.1 pay increase, additional full-time support from the National Guard and Reserve and increased funding in research and development of weapon systems, Bush said.

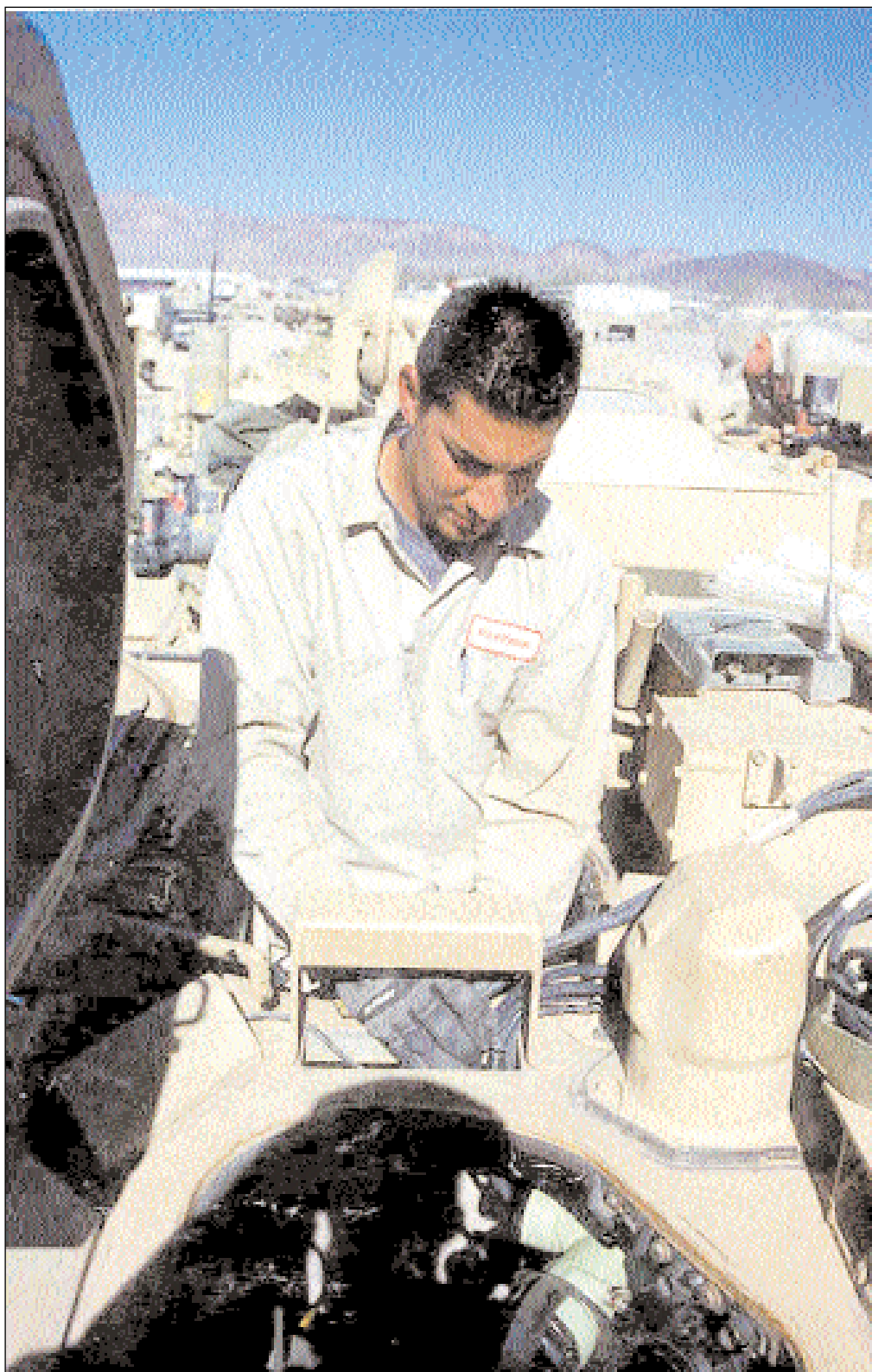
"This legislation begins development of the next generations of weaponry," Bush said. "We ended the Crusader artillery program, a program that was designed for a different era.

"Instead, we will fund new systems, systems that will enable our military to do a more effective job at defending America

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Mounting MILES

Electronic system gives realism to training



Photos by Spc. Jacob Boyer

Brian Waytovich, a technician from Raytheon, installs the data control unit on a Bradley during the 1st Brigade Combat Team's first week at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin.



Spc. Jacob Boyer
Staff Writer

One necessity of military training is having a way to allow soldiers to shoot at each other without getting hurt. It also helps to be able to keep track of the many vehicles involved in a maneuver. The military has a system that allows units to do this, and 1st Brigade units spent part of their first week at the National Training Center getting this equipment set up.

A team from Raytheon attached the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System to 1st Brigade's vehicles Sunday through Wednesday in preparation for the training cycle here.

MILES allows soldiers to track themselves and keep track of who is shooting at whom during training, said Joe Melucci, an assistant test coordinator with Raytheon.

"It gives soldiers more realistic training in a force-on-force scenario," he said.

The coordination for MILES began before the brigade arrived at Fort Irwin, Melucci said. A team went to Fort Stewart to coordinate with the brigade to find out what vehicles it would bring along and what vehicles it would draw when it got here.

From there, the team from Raytheon decided which vehicles had the highest priority for being equipped with MILES, Melucci said.

"The final coordination is done here," he said. "We determine who's going to get the equipment."

The vehicles are issued MILES as companies, batteries and troops, Melucci said. They are lined up and electronic technicians install all of the necessary equipment for each vehicle. Each unit has a scheduled time for receiving its equipment.

"It's like an assembly line," he said. "Each team is responsible for certain equipment."

Once the vehicle is outfitted with the appropriate equipment, it has to be put into the computer system at Building 988, the "Star Wars" building, Melucci said. Each vehicle is identified by unit and bumper number for tracking purposes.

The staff in Building 988 keeps track of the vehicles in the field at all times, Melucci said. MILES allows them to tell which units are fighting, as well as which vehicles are firing.

"They have a vector screen that shows who shot who and what type of hit they got," he said. "It's a much better alternative than shooting real bullets."



(Left) Mark Scott, a Raytheon team member, mounts the Scorpion laser unit, which simulates the firing of the 25mm cannon.

(Above) Steven Grigo, a Raytheon team member, makes sure a Bradley's vehicle detection device is functioning properly.



Technicians from Raytheon install MILES on two Bradley fighting vehicles.

Stryker demo debunks critics

Joe Burlas

Army News Service

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — The Army has answered a number of recent critics who have stated that the Stryker Infantry Vehicle doesn't meet the Army's requirement of being deployable by C-130 Hercules aircraft and be ready for combat operations once out of the plane.

The Army and Air Force debunked that claim with a demonstration that showed just that capability during a media event at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., Oct. 16.

This was not the first time Strykers traveled via the Hercules. Strykers were also airlifted by C-130s into the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., as part of Millennium Challenge 2002 in early August.

In front of a crowd of about 200 journalists, senior Army leaders and government officials at the Andrews demonstration, a C-130 taxied in front of a hangar and released a Stryker with two crewman and a nine-man infantry squad. Working in a cold driving rain, the squad took about eight minutes to prepare the vehicle for combat operations. The preparation entailed lifting the Remote Weapons Station into place, connecting radio antennas and moving water cans, individual rucksacks and other gear from the Hercules and attaching it to bustle racks on the outside of the Army's newest infantry vehicle.

Army leaders at a media roundtable the day before the demonstration said the Army never envisioned the Stryker to roll off a C-130 with guns blazing, but rather be capable of conducting combat operations after a short period of preparation.

Lt. Col Rob Choppa, commander of the demonstration troops out of Fort Lewis, Wash.'s 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, said he is satisfied with the short time it takes the Stryker to be combat ready once off a C-130. Having served in Ranger and airborne units — both forced-entry capable — Choppa said the time it takes soldiers from those units to get on the ground and get their gear ready for combat is comparable to the time it takes Stryker to be ready.

“(If you) jump in, you still have to take your weapon out of your protective jump pack and put it into operation,” Choppa said. “If you heavy drop a vehicle in, you still have to re-rig it on the drop zone.”

Col. Charles Betack, the Training and Doctrine Command systems manager for the Stryker and Bradley, told reporters that Stryker brigades are intended to be an early-entry unit, not a force-entry one. “I can tell you right now I don't think (Air Force pilots are) going

to be flying a C-130 into any kind of airfield where there are bullets flying.”

While the Hercules does currently require a waiver to carry a single 38,000-pound Stryker with its crew and infantry squad, that is expected to change in the near future, said Air Force Col. Jimmie Simmons, chief of Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation, Air Mobility Command.

“The waiver process in the Air Force is essentially to raise awareness that we're doing something a bit different than the way we normally do,” Simmons said.

Calling waivers is just the way the Air Force does routine business, Simmons said. There are currently about 153 pieces of equipment that require a waiver for C-130 transport. The Air Mobility Command issues about five waivers a day, from moving uncertified equipment to flying with a broken light bulb on top of the plane, he said.

Moving to take the Stryker out of the “waiver world” into the “routine business world,” Simmons said the Air Force is conducting extensive testing with C-130s, Strykers and the associated crews of both. A test conducted Oct. 15 verified that the Hercules' crew, Stryker's crew and infantry squad could exit a C-130 with a Stryker aboard in less than 90 seconds. The test subjects did it in 48 seconds.

The end result of the testing and some additional coordination with the Army will be a memorandum of agreement with the Army. Simmons said he expects the MOA to happen soon.

The Stryker is intended to provide the Army's light forces more protection and lethal firepower while maintaining the ability to deploy more quickly than heavier Bradley-equipped infantry units. While only two are currently standing up at Fort Lewis, the Army plans to equip six brigades with Strykers.

Six Stryker Brigade Combat Teams meets current Defense Planning Guidance for the Office of the Secretary of Defense and “provides the strategic responsiveness and necessary combat power to contribute to the swift defeat or the ability to win decisively when we're called upon to do so,” said Lt. Gen. James Riley, commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center.



Gerry J. Gilmore

The rubber-tired Stryker weighs 38,000 pounds, can be mounted with a machine gun, grenade launcher, or a 105mm cannon, and can travel more than 60 mph on hard roads and 45 mph cross-country.

Web system tracks OERs

WASHINGTON — Personnel staff officers, rating officials and individual officers have a new capability to check to see if efficiency reports have arrived at the U.S. Army Personnel Command.

The Interactive Web Response System is a web-based solution that provides a list of all evaluation reports completed since Oct. 1, 1997 for a rated officer and identifies the date each was received at PERSCOM.

IWRS also allows users to view specific administrative information from each report. Unit S-1s can now verify that reports have reached PERSCOM on the last date of a report before initiating a new rating period. All the staff officer has to do is enter an officer's social security number to acquire the report.

IWRS complements the currently used interactive voice response system at (703) 325-2637, or DSN, 221-2637.

Capt. Joel Prather, 1-4 Ayn Regt, 4th Infantry Div. at Fort Hood, Texas has used the new system and said he liked it.

“Pretty neat,” Prather said. “It's a lot better than going through all the prompts and having to listen carefully to the telephone voice.”

IWRS is available through an American flag icon on the front page of the PERSCOM homepage in the bottom left hand corner. Users can access it with an AKO password. Eventually, IWRS will have a link on AKO.

Individual officers can still access and print their entire file or completed reports through OMPF online.

The point of contact in PERSCOM's Evaluation Systems Office is Ms. Joan Freeman, (703) 325-4141, or DSN, 221-4141.

Information provided by the PERSCOM Public Affairs Office.

Golden Corral to hold 2nd military appreciation night nationwide

Veterans Day is a celebration to honor America's military personnel for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Golden Corral and the Disabled American Veterans are joining forces nationwide for the second year in a row to honor the nation's heroes with Military Appreciation Night 2002, Nov. 11th.

Every Golden Corral restaurant will offer a free dine-in dinner buffet to all veterans and active duty military personnel as our way of showing gratitude to all the men and women who serve and are willing to sacrifice their lives to protect ours.

This year, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf is supporting Military Appreciation Night though a public service announcement, which encourages all veterans and active duty military to participate and be recognized for their sacrifice and dedication to protecting our nation's freedom.

“My greatest honor has been protecting this country's freedom,” said Schwarzkopf in the PSA. “This night is to thank the men and women of our military for their countless hours of service that often go unnoticed.”

On Veteran's Day, all 400+ Golden Corral restaurants spanning 39 states will offer veterans and retired and active duty members of the U.S. military a free dine-in dinner buffet plus beverage. This offer is also extended to members of the U.S. Reserves and the National Guard. All that is required to receive the free dine-in buffet is that all honored military guests state their military status when coming through the ordering line the night of the event.

Again in 2002, a key aspect of the Military Appreciation Night local celebration will be the presence of members of the Disabled American Veterans organization in restaurants throughout Veterans Day event.

Our partnership with the DAV allows us an opportunity to provide them with local exposure for their specific needs in all communities where we have restaurants, and the DAV will be the beneficiary of any donations collected throughout the Military Appreciation event.

Information provided by www.goldencorralrest.com.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Lt. Strobridge and that day on Hill 395

(Ret.) Sgt. Maj. Gary G. Beylickjian

Heavy Machine Gun Platoon, H Co., 7th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div., 1951-1953

He was our leader, a soldier we respected and admired, the kind of person we would have followed into hell. And on Hill 395, we did just that, and we made it back, thanks to him.

He earned our loyalty and trust the hard way; in the face of the enemy, he never flinched or looked back.

That's what we thought of Lt. William F. Strobridge, a former enlisted man who took a BC, battlefield commission, and became a second lieutenant, leading the Heavy Machinegun Platoon, How Company, 2nd Bn., 7th Inf. Regt. 3rd Inf. Div., in battle.

Lt. Strobridge, a lean six-footer, was from my part of the country, New England. He came from New Hampshire and I from Massachusetts. When I joined the platoon in August 1951, the lieutenant was among the first to greet me and to lay out the facts of life in combat. He pulled no punches, and I didn't expect him to. I asked for a combat assignment as a machine gunner, and I was ready for anything.

By early September the platoon moved out of Reserve, an area behind the lines used for brief rests and replacements, to positions several hundred yards north of a railroad known as Chor'won. We were at the southern end of Chor'won Valley, a fairly level area dotted with rice paddies and farms.

About a half-mile in front lay three small hills and several miles further north, Hill 395, an imposing piece of terrain with steep slopes on its southern face. Unknown to us Hill 395 was our objective.

We later occupied the three hills we dubbed the Three Sisters, and came under several nightly enemy probes, some heavy, including a few aerial shootouts with an enemy plane we called Bed Check Charlie, then the word: next stop, Hill 395.

We moved to the hill before sunrise. Almost every move we made on the front lines was either in the middle of the night or in early morning before the sun's rays hit the ground.

Getting to positions on 395 was a major undertaking, heavy equipment and steep slopes made the move up extremely difficult. Men fell, many slipped and slid down to the foot of the hill, faces were covered with dirt and sweat and pain; bodies were exhausted.

We were carrying a weapon whose gun alone weighted more than 42 pounds and a tripod more than 50 pounds. Add belts of machinegun ammo wrapped around our necks, a can of ammo in each hand. And, of course, our personal weapons, grenades and weapon's belts packed with small-arms ammo and C-rations.

The trip up took several hours and once in location, Lt. Strobridge assigned

each gun a sector of fire. Fields of fire set, our next task was digging a gun emplacement and after that, our personal positions: slit trenches. Nearly 13 hours passed since we left the Three Sisters, and now more hell.

The enemy spotted activity and began shelling us mercifully. For most of us, there was no shelter. We lay flat on the open ground trying to push ourselves into it while praying the incoming wouldn't find us.

And through all this chaos, Lt. Strobridge ran from position to position checking up on his men. Always the men. Thankfully, we suffered no casualties.

"On Oct. 5, 1951, I and the rest of the machinegun platoon would lose that dear friend, leader and teacher. Lt. Strobridge stepped on an anti-personnel mine and lost part of his left leg.

Amidst the shelling and trying to find adequate shelter, several men spoke about the beer we would win in the competition.

Lt. Strobridge had promised beer to the squad that could disassemble and assemble the machinegun the fastest while blindfolded. Imagine, beer! We craved just for a sip, but we'd have to wait. We'd get the chance to compete the next time we went in Reserve. You'd think we would have had more pressing things to think about such as staying alive and safe from the shelling. Several rounds came close enough to lift us off the ground and cover us with dirt. And we were thinking about beer?

Later that day, while Lt. Strobridge was in Fox Company, a messenger brought him news from battalion that the machinegun platoon would support George Company clear enemy forces still occupying northern sectors of Hill 395, the very hill we were on. Once that mission finished, our platoon was to provide fire support during assaults on two nearby hills heavily occupied by Chinese troops. That mission was given to the machinegun platoon's Second Section, of which I was a member. The lieutenant prepared the platoon's battle plans and oriented us; we'd jump off early the next morning.

At 0430 hrs our section journeyed nearly a hundred yards in darkness to the staging area just a few feet from our firing positions. The attack, set at 0600 hours went as planned. Objectives were taken, but again, the enemy's heavy guns found us and let us have it. The horrific pounding was so heavy some soldiers complained about difficulty breathing. The lieutenant was there as usual and encouraged everyone to stay the course,

to hang in. And suggested we pray even harder, out loud if need be.

The incoming slacked off just briefly enough for us to make a quick withdrawal to an area on the southern slope of Hill 395, behind a huge mound. The lieutenant led the way as always.

Lt. Strobridge and I spoke many times about our hometowns, the war and the Army. Like him, I joined to fight in the war. I wanted to be like the men of World War II who were my heroes when I was a teen-ager. The lieutenant and I became friends and my respect and admiration for him grew even more. He was a leader and teacher. I learned much about being a combat leader from him.

On Oct. 5, 1951, I and the rest of the machinegun platoon would lose that dear friend, leader and teacher. Lt. Strobridge stepped on an anti-personnel mine and lost part of his left leg. Several of us watched in horror when the mine went off and saw something fly into the air; we thought it was his weapon or something he was carrying. It was his foot. He survived and made it home safely.

When I returned home from Korea in 1952, I visited the lieutenant at the Murphy Army Hospital in Waltham, Mass. And, as usual, he was in good spirits. He never lost the positive attitude and praise for the Army and his men. Always the men! All this from a soldier who fought many battles on the slopes of Korea's endless mountains. Talk about a hero and role model.

Lt. Strobridge didn't give in to his injury. The Army fixed his leg and he remained in the Army. He became a G2, Intelligence, officer and served in his second war, Vietnam, during 1969-1970.

We were both in same area at the same time, and unfortunately, we never met. I had long ago shed my title as an Infantryman. Not he; he served in the Infantry for a while and later in Intelligence and retired a full colonel.

In mid September 2002, while looking through the pages of Fort Stewart's FRONTLINE, the paper that serves the 3rd Inf. Div. troops, past and present, Col. Strobridge came across one of my Korea Chronicle articles. He called the newspaper from his home in Calif., that led him to the Pentagon and then to my home. He told them: "Tell him, Lt. Strobridge, remembered me and the hell we all shared on Hill 395. I never forgot him! He was always the "lieutenant." And, how can you forget such a soldier.

We've talked several times now about Korea. Some names and faces are fading, but the battles are still vivid in our minds. He wrote detailed notes of that battle on Hill 395 while recovering in the hospital. He sent me a copy. The notes bring back many memories.

He hasn't changed a bit. He still asks about the men and wonders how they're doing. And, he still talks proudly about the courage they showed that day on Hill 395, North Korea, September 1951. Always about the men! I'm honored to have served with him.

God bless, lieutenant!

Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

Why is it important to vote?

"Voting allows each citizen the opportunity to have their voice heard in the government."

CW3 John Heath
1st Bn. 351th Avn. Regt.

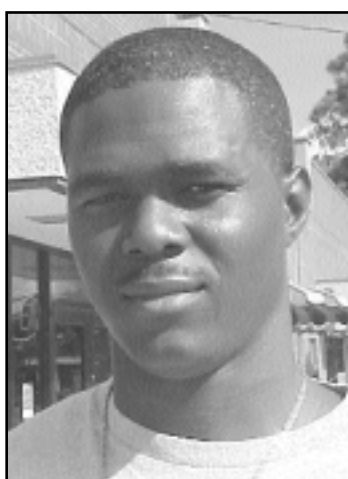


"That's what makes this country what it is -- unlike some people in other countries, we have the right to vote."

Staff Sgt. Timothy Hall
148th Engineer Detachment

"I think it is important to vote because we can choose the person who best represents our views."

Sgt. Antonio McClinton
3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry



"All votes count. That one vote you cast can make the difference in everything that runs this country."

Spc. James Simon
4th Bn., 64th Armor

"There was a time when women couldn't vote -- now that we can, we should. If you don't vote, you can't complain."

Michelle Gowan
ALLTEL sales representative



"It's important for everyone to vote, so they can take stake in our nation."

Otto Gambriel
Military spouse

Letter to The Editor

To the personnel at Hunter Army Airfield:

On April 20, 2002 tire problems left three women stranded on I-16 West. Enlisted men from Hunter Army Airfield saw what happened and offered their assistance. The men attempted to calm us down, changed our flat tire and then drove us to Statesboro because the spare was flat. These men did not have to help us but they did. The three of us have not forgotten the good deed those men did; we wanted the men and their superior officers to know about the good men that are stationed at their base.

Sincerely,
Kathy

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Former astronaut docks at Fort Discovery, discusses alliance

Patrick Swan
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AUGUSTA, Ga. — A former NASA astronaut, recently named as chairman and chief executive officer for the National Science Center, met with Army Secretary Thomas E. White in late August to discuss the Army’s collaboration with the NSC and its Fort Discovery, a world-class science center in Augusta, Ga.

Among the Army initiatives NSC actively supports is eCybermission, a Army-sponsored, Web-based math, science and technology competition for middle schoolers. ECybermission was unveiled by Army senior leaders during a press conference Oct. 1 at Poe Middle School in Annandale, Va.

Joe Edwards, Jr. replaced Paul Simon at the NSC, a partnership with the U.S. Army that supports improved math and science education and technological literacy in the nation through interactive exhibits and educational programs.

“The Army is extremely eager to move into this new era with the NSC Partnership and is looking forward to supporting the advancement of math, science, and technology education of America’s youth,” White said.

The Army’s Chief Information Officer/G-6, Lt. Gen. Peter CuvIELLO added, “Exciting America’s youth about these subjects is what this innovative public-and-private partnership is all about. We are on course to realize its full potential.”

As the new NSC chairman, Edwards brings experience as a combat aviator, lead test pilot and NASA astronaut. He said he plans to put that background to good use because he has a, “great personal interest in increasing the visibility and quality of scientific education in our country. There is the big picture: that improving science and technology education

impacts the nation and the Army.”

Edwards said the NSC provides a variety of educational programs that are aligned with state and national standards and customized for individual schools and classes.

“Then we will take these and other programs nation-wide through our fleet of trucks, distance learning and our association with U.S. Army installations,” he said.

“In the Fort Gordon, Ga., area specifically, soldiers and their families will see many new and exciting exhibits at Fort Discovery. These can be enjoyed by a wide range of ages, even adults,” Edwards continued. “For instance, we already have four new movies in our state-of-the-art theater and are planning a year long set of exhibits commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers’ first flight.”

Edwards said soldiers can help the NSC achieves its goals when they, “Participate, volunteer, and visit Fort Discovery, the National Science Center’s headquarters in Augusta.”

In May, the Army renewed its collaboration with the NSC through a partnership agreement that expands programming efforts and partnerships with industry, non-profit organizations, and other government agencies. The NSC and its exhibit facility, Fort Discovery, is headquartered in Augusta, Ga. Congress authorized it through Public Law 99-145 in 1985, amended by the 1996 Defense Authorization Act.

Fort Discovery itself includes an interactive theater, classrooms, a teacher Resource Center, distance learning centers for both the State of Georgia and Georgia’s National Guard Networks, and a restaurant.

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Stewart pursues ISO 14001 certification

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Earlier this year, Fort Stewart’s Environmental and Natural Resources Division took the first step towards becoming one of the first Installations in the U.S. Army to obtain ISO 14001 certification.

Fort Stewart is actively working to improve the way it conducts business and is incorporating the internationally ratified Environmental Management System, developed by the International Standards Organization.

The first step towards meeting this goal was to take a look at the way the base does business now, and compare it to the International Standard. This comparison is termed a “gap analysis,” and was initiated in May 2002.

The gap analysis is now complete and it identified areas in which the base already met the standard, and those areas that the base needs to work on to become fully compliant. In the upcoming months the ENRD will be working on closing these gaps and ultimately becoming ISO 14001 certified.

ISO 14001 is an Environmental Management System that enables an organization to select goals and objectives consistent with applicable policy and demonstrate performance with respect to policy, objectives and other requirements.

“Continuous improvement is a core element of the EMS, and enables senior management, employees, the public and other interests to contribute towards setting goals, implementation, checking progress and taking any necessary corrective actions” said Tom Fry, Chief of the ENRD. “This is a great model that can be applied not only to the work place, but to everyday life.”

ISO 14001 has already been adopted by over 30,000 organizations in over 130 countries.

“The International Standards Organization is comprised of a group

of delegates from 140 countries around the world, representing corporations, governments, and consumer groups, that combine their experience and knowledge into developing standards that collectively represent the world’s best interest in numerous fields” said Col. Gregory Stanley, the Director of Public Works. “These are the same folks that have historically standardized such things as shipping container dimensions and railroad track widths worldwide. The ISO 14001 Environmental Management System is clearly a world class-model for governments and private corporations alike, and we are excited about implementing it here.”

Tom Fry
Chief, ENRD

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identified a number of areas that require refinement.

“Primary findings identified quantifiable metrics are not tracked, reviewed and reported regularly; there is no systematic communication of environmental policy to employees; as well as no procedure to ensure environmental policy is available to the public” said Randy Powell-Jones of the ENRD. “We’ve taken immediate action to close these gaps. Although some policies existed in Fort Stewart Regulation 200-4, our Regulation didn’t fully mirror policy established by Dr. John P. White, Deputy Secretary of Defense, in his DoD Environmental Policy established Feb. 24, 1996. That’s already been corrected; however, this policy should be available to everyone, and historically it hasn’t been disseminated very well.”

The DoD and Fort Stewart’s environmental policy can now be found on Fort Stewart’s website and intranet at **www.stewart.army.mil** and **<https://afzppwws01.stewart.army.mil/ENRD/enrd.htm>**.

Any questions regarding the ISO 14001 standard should be addressed to Paul Kerl or Randy Powell-Jones, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, at 767-2010.

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AAFES hours for Veterans Day

Fort Stewart

Main Store	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Hospital PX	Closed
Main Shoppette/Class Six	9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Bryan Village Shoppette	9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Brigade Troop Store	Close 9 p.m., Nov. 10
	Reopen 3 p.m., Nov. 11
Victory Shoppette	24 Hours
Anthony's Pizza	10:30 a.m.to 6 p.m.
Robin Hood	Closed
Wetzel Pretzel	Closed
American Eatery	Closed
Blimpie	12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Burger King	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza	11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Popeyes	11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Car Care Center	Closed
Military Clothing Sales	Closed
Woodruff Theater	7 p.m. showing

Concessions

Short Term Concessions	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Barber Shop	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Beauty Shop	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cedric's Gift Shop	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Flower Shop	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Alterations	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Laundry/Dry Cleaners	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Optical Shop	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
General Nutrition Center	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Shoe Shine	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Alltel Wireless	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MCC Phone Center	Closed
Brigade Barber Shop	Closed
Laundry/Dry Cleaners	Closed
Alterations	Closed
Sprint Barracks Phone	Closed
Alterations	Closed
Economic Car Rental	Closed
E. L. Car Wash/Detail	Closed

Hunter Army Airfield

Main Store	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hunter Corner Express	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Military Clothing Sales	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Burger King	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Concessions

Short Term Concessions	10 a.m. to 4 p.m
Flower Shop	10 a.m. to 4 .m.
Laundry/Dry Cleaners	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Alterations	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Beauty Shop	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Barber Shop	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Optical Shop	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Economic Car Rental	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
C's Boot Shine	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sprint Barracks Phone	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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HEALTH NEWS

DoD health official details TRICARE progress

Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

FALLS CHURCH, Va., — Edward P. Wyatt Jr., principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said TRICARE, including TRICARE for Life and the Pharmacy Data Transaction Service, is working hard to provide outstanding benefits for active duty service members, retirees and their eligible family members.

The DoD health affairs deputy said today’s biggest challenge is satisfying beneficiaries. One project involves a round of contracts that requires improved systemwide accountability and performance, and a fresh approach and focus on customer satisfaction, Wyatt noted.

“Satisfying our customers has always been important to us. But for the first time, incentives for the contractors are linked directly to the extent to which they satisfy their customers,” he said.

Satisfaction also means as much outreach as possible. He said outreach was particularly important for the implementation of TRICARE for Life.

“The overwhelming set of issues we encountered in the beginning related to other health insurance (providers),” Wyatt noted. “Hard as you try, you just can’t reach everybody with the message. Many people didn’t trust that the (TRICARE) benefit was going to be made available on time and that it would be as extraordinary as it is. So they held off dropping their other insurance (policy). Once they saw that the benefit was working as advertised, they dropped their other health insurance.”

Reaching out for satisfaction includes those elderly and immobile beneficiaries who aren’t aware of what TRICARE can do for them. Wyatt said some of them are in nursing facilities and have been out of contact with the military, particularly with the military health system, for years.

“They’ve always been eligible,” Wyatt said. “We can help them demonstrate their eli-

gibility by getting them re-enrolled in DEERS, up-to-date ID cards or some other registry mechanism so they don’t have any glitches.”

One requirement in the new generation of contracts calls for Medicare beneficiaries under age 65 to be able to use TRICARE as secondary health insurance without having to file paperwork.

Wyatt also dubbed the Pharmacy Data Transaction Service “an enormous breakthrough,” noting small hospital systems around the country use a similar system all the time. “But to apply it to a system of 75 hospitals, numerous clinics and every retail outlet in the contract network is huge,” he said.

The pharmacy service uses state-of-the-art technology to link patient information between pharmacies at military treatment facilities, the National Mail Order Program and civilian retailers that are part of the TRICARE managed-care network.

Officials said the linking of prescription information improves quality and enhances the safety of the military pharmacy program.

Wyatt noted that more than 52,700 potential medication errors or drug interaction problems have been caught and avoided since the program’s implementation about a year ago.

“Some could have been potentially fatal,” he said.

He also talked about efforts between DoD and Veterans Affairs that will eliminate potential adverse drug reactions. He said the departments are conducting a project to stop service members from having to take two physical exams, one before discharge from active duty and the other at a VA facility to determine eligibility for veterans benefits.

“I see the day when the member gets a physical that’s good for (both) DoD and VA requirements,” Wyatt said. “It’s wasteful of resources. Neither of us has enough resources in either of our health care systems to be doing wasteful tests, and particularly tying up primary care providers.”

Early detection is best protection

Laurie Kemp

Winn Public Affairs Officer

It’s the number one cancer and the second leading cause of death for women in the United States today. But, it is not just a woman’s disease. In the year 2002, it is expected to claim the lives of more than 40,000 people.

The killer is breast cancer and it is expected to invade another 205,000 people throughout the year 2002, according to the American Cancer Society.

According to the American Cancer Society, while approximately 77 percent of women who are diagnosed with breast cancer are 50-years-old or older, it is no reason for younger women to put off preventive measures another year.

Margaret Jones, health promotion technician at Winn Army Community Hospital, promotes a three-step early detection program. 1) Practice monthly breast self-examinations. 2) See your healthcare provider for regular clinical breast exams. Women ages 20 to 39 should have a clinical breast exam every three years. Women ages 40 and older should have a yearly breast exam. 3) Have regular mammograms. All women should have a baseline mammogram between ages 35 and 40 and have annual mammograms starting at age 40.

“If a woman does monthly breast exams and finds something suspicious one month that wasn’t there the previous month, she should bring it to her healthcare provider’s attention. This type of early detection improves the chances of the cancer being found in an early stage and treated successfully,” Jones said.

Jones said according to the American Cancer Society, approximately 80 percent

of all breast lumps are benign or non-cancerous. However, of the lumps that do prove to be malignant or cancerous, approximately 95 percent are found by women performing a breast self-exam.

According to the American Cancer Society, women younger than 30 account for approximately .3 percent of breast cancer cases, while about 3.5 percent of breast cancer patients are in their thirties.

Marvalynn Hyde, a breast cancer survivor, was one of the 3.5 percent.

“I found a lump during a self-examination. I waited a couple of months to see if it changed, then I went to see my gynecologist. My provider ordered a mammogram - the image showed an abnormality,” Hyde said. “The following week I had a core biopsy, and on May 4, 1998, at age 38, I had a mastectomy.”

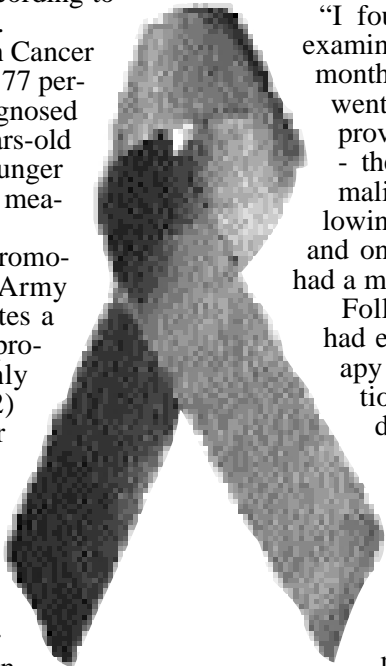
Following the surgery, Hyde had eight sessions of chemotherapy and 33 sessions of radiation. She said she had her down days, times when she was tired, but from the very start she was determined to beat the cancer.

“When the doctor called to tell me the tumor was malignant, I cried. It wasn’t a surprise to me, but it did shake me,” Hyde said.

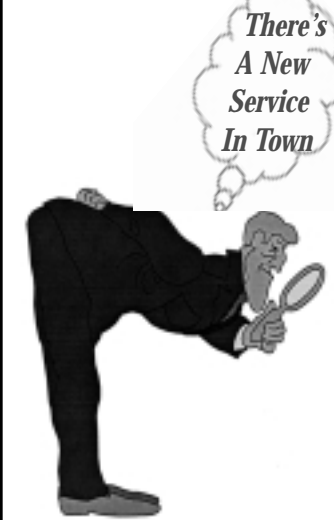
“However, when I accepted the diagnosis, I said, ‘OK, what do I have to do to live?’”

“I would tell any woman to make sure you know how to do self-exams and do them. Quite possibly through early detection, you could be the one to save your own life,” Hyde said.

Editor’s Note: (To learn how to perform a breast self-exam, talk to your healthcare provider. Some information in this article was taken from Amye Turner’s article, “Early detection saves lives.”)



ATTENTION: Command and Soldiers PREVENTION INTERVENTION PROGRAM (PIP)



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Monday-Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LOCATION:

Outpatient Psychiatry
Building 301, Harmon Ave.
Winn Army Community Hospital, Exterior Building
(Adjacent to the Emergency Room entrance at the rear of the hospital)

The Prevention Intervention Program (PIP) is a secondary prevention program for at-risk soldiers who are vulnerable to the stresses that can lead to domestic violence and abuse.

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PIP differs from most other ACS programs in that it is an intervention designed primarily for soldiers and spouses, when appropriate; and secondarily for families if the violence has infiltrated the home.

Information and education on an ongoing basis to soldiers will enhance a person’s ability to cope appropriately with anger and stress. This program will help the command assist their soldiers by identifying problems with anger and abuse BEFORE this becomes an issue in their jobs, in the field, and with their families. PIP is located at the Outpatient Psychiatric Department and referrals are channeled through command, Social Work Services, and health care professionals. PLEASE CALL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Cooks keep gravy train moving at NTC

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

There are many different tasks a unit must accomplish before it moves out of the Dust Bowl. Everyone is busy during the week leading up to the maneuvering portion of the National Training Center rotation. But one group of soldiers works just as hard no matter what part of the rotation they are in: the cooks.

Food service specialists from all the units involved in this rotation work almost around the clock to make sure soldiers get their meals both in and out of the Dust Bowl. They prepare meals for both breakfast and dinner, said Sgt. 1st Class Johnnie Frails, the battalion food operations sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment.

"It's an around-the-clock operation," he said. "Overall, the operation is pretty good. It's our first opportunity to feed this many soldiers. The only pressure is the long hours each day."

The first shift begins at midnight, as the food service specialists begin to prepare breakfast, Frails said. Along with 10 kitchen

police, they prepare the meal in time to serve it at 6 a.m. When service stops at 8 a.m., they clean up before the end of their shift. The next shift comes on immediately after and handles the distribution of Meals, Ready to Eat for lunch. They then begin preparing dinner, which is served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The second shift gets off after they finish cleaning after dinner.

Four different mess pads serve approximately 5,000 soldiers in the Dust Bowl, said Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Marshall, the 1st Brigade food service supervisor/advisor.

When the brigade combat team moves out for maneuvers, the schedule will remain mostly the same, Frails said. Even with the long hours, some food service specialists have been pleased with the work they have done thus far.

"It's been going pretty well," said Staff Sgt. Robert Huie, HHC 3rd Soldier Support Battalion. "It's what I expected being at NTC. There have been some very long days, but I'm used to it. It's what I'm trained to do — I have to be ready."

The feedback from soldiers on the food has been mostly positive so far, Frails said.

"We've heard nothing negative," he said. "The soldiers are satisfied with how we're serv-



Photos by Pfc. Jacob Boyer

(Above) Pfc. Michael Filbert, a food service specialist for 123rd Signal Battalion, serves breakfast to a 1st Brigade soldier.

(Left) Pfc. Amanda Griffiths, a food service specialist for 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor, gets ready for another day of serving chow. The preparation for breakfast, which is served at 6 a.m., begins at midnight.

258th Field Artillery takes over security at West Point

Spc. Eric S. Bartelt

Army News Service

WEST POINT, N.Y. — The 1st Battalion, 258th Field Artillery has officially taken over the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment's post as top security dog at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

The 1-258th was activated Sept. 11, 2001 to perform security and other tasks at Ground Zero at the World Trade Center in New York, and began working security at West Point Oct. 1. The artillery battalion will continue through June 2003. The 1-258th will help with force protection and provide security for community members. The 258th FA will act as the quick reaction force in case of an emergency, and they will partner with the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry's Military Police Company to monitor the gates and provide security at football games and special events.

"There are so many real world missions going on right now that our presence here helps free up more active duty soldiers to go do their jobs globally," said Spc. Peter D. Morrison, a cannon crewman for Bravo Battery, 1-258th FA. "This is such an important place to be with our leaders being groomed here— it's important for us to provide the security."

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Members of the 258th said that it's critical to provide extra security at West Point so the military can continue to produce leaders of the future.

"The cadets are the future; this is where our military leadership is coming from," said 1st Sgt. Hartley Barnes. "If something happens here that means somewhere down the line our military will be lacking leadership. We're here to protect them so that the leadership that comes from here will be continuous — and that's the main reason why we're here."

The 258th FA falls under the 42nd Infantry Division out of Troy, N.Y.

The battalion's armory, Headquarters, Service and alpha batteries are located in Queens. Bravo battery is in the Bronx and Charlie Battery is stationed in Brooklyn.

Before coming to West Point, 258th members were tasked with helping secure the downtown Manhattan area in the weeks after Sept. 11, 2001.

"For two weeks we were doing security work at the Trade Center site," said Sgt. Peter M. Antonicelli, fire director center section for Charlie Battery. "After those two weeks, Bravo Battery stayed on to do bridges and tunnels security, plus delivered food and supplies — it was a varied mission."

Bravo Battery worked the docks helping transport supplies. Their jobs also consisted of security work near Wall Street, Grand Central and other sites.

"We were down there almost until Thanksgiving, and then we were called to do funeral details," Morrison said. "So anyone who was prior service and died at the Trade Center got an honor guard."

Recalling the days at Ground Zero reminded Antonicelli and Morrison of how edgy it was during those first days after the Twin Towers fell.

"Every time a siren would go by people would ask 'what's going on;'" you could see each individual person had that look of anxiety in their eyes," Morrison said.

"I think it meant a lot to people to have a soldier presence down there during that time period."

Serving in the devastated area elicited strong emotions, soldiers said.

"I wasn't affected until two firefighters uncovered something and filled up one of those orange bags," Morrison said.

"I saw one of them with an ax handle, then I noticed the guy behind him holding a crushed firefighter's helmet — that got to me, seeing the firefighter's face, knowing he was devastated. That was rough to see."



Spc. Eric S. Bartelt

Spc. Michael Malave, of Charlie Battery, 1-258th Field Artillery, checks underneath the hood of a visitor's car for anything suspicious as a part of force protection and security measures taken at West Point.

Troops deny sanctuary for al Qaeda, Taliban

Sgt. Reeba Critser
28th Public Affairs Detachment

KHOWST, Afghanistan – After more than a year of hunting the Taliban and al Qaeda, soldiers from Company A, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C, when patrolling in Southeastern Afghanistan, find the locals more cooperative.

“The goal was simply to discourage villages who sympathize with the al Qaeda and Taliban and to project our own force – let them know how powerful we are,” said 2nd Lt. William Perkins, native of Lakeland, Fla.

The paratroopers conduct operations and patrols in that region often.

“I see them as security patrols,” said Staff Sgt. Jim Clemente, from Charleston, S.C. “They (Afghans) know we’re coming. There’re welcome signs written on the buildings. We’ve given them a taste of freedom. They’re able to move freely between villages without an outside threat.”

Some soldiers said the training they conducted prior to deployment was more than enough to operate in theatre.

“Everything we trained for was overkill out here,” said Staff Sgt. Eric Rodriguez,

from Brooklyn, N.Y. “I’ve been in tougher neighborhoods than here.”

“Even our first field problems were easier than (Intensive Training Cycles),” said 1st Sgt. Patrick Parker, from Belfast, N.Y.

However, Parker said some of the events in theatre were never achieved by training, but with flexibility to environment.

“The soldiers’ performance is excellent in dealing with something they haven’t dealt with before,” Parker said. “In Basic and (Advanced Individual Training), they learn to shoot, shoot, shoot. It’s different doing it for real. There’s more interaction. You don’t know the language. You see how inflection of the voice works. They’ve learned so much in the short time they’ve been here.”

Capt. Brian Sullivan, from Dumfries, Va., took command of the company 10 months ago. He said the company had a strong reputation before he arrived.

“After I got there, I confirmed the reputation,” he said. “They are very aggressive and very disciplined.”

One of Sullivan’s jobs is to take control the patrols his company works in.

“I take the operation and put out a general theme – why we’re here, what we’re doing and see if they have any information to pro-

vide,” he said.

Usually on patrols, the objective is search and seizure. Sullivan said the platoon leader and an interpreter breaches the compound, separates the women and children and searches the site. Sullivan comes in after the search is complete and talks to the head of the household or the village elders.”

Some of the soldiers are aggressive in the company operations. Rodriguez is one of them. His wife Dianna, native of Madison, Wis., received minor bruises from the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Centers.

“She worked at the Bank of New York in Security Investments,” he said. “She was unfortunate to be outside when the people jumped off the buildings.”

He said although Dianna is scared, he is glad to be here.

“Before we patrolled in the (Southeastern Afghanistan) areas, people were being killed by Taliban and al Qaeda forces,” Rodriguez said. “Once we showed our presence, children are once again playing on the streets.”

The company’s combat mission also goes hand-in-hand with the humanitarian assistance efforts. A civil military operation package, with items such as blankets and food, accompanies them on most missions.

“It builds repoir with the Afghans,” Perkins said. “We’re just trying to make this a better place.”

“We are here to give these people a better way of life, a better freedom,” Clemente said. “Once they have freedom, it’ll be harder to get it away from them.”



A soldier from Company A, 3rd Bn., 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment talks to the local children in Southeastern Afghanistan. The company was on a presence patrol.



Photos by Sgt. Reeba Critser

Soldiers from Company A, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment form a perimeter around their vehicles before boarding them in Southeastern Afghanistan. The paratroopers often conduct operations and patrols in the region.



(Above) Capt. Brian Sullivan, commander, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, talks to a village elder in Southeastern Afghanistan.

(Left) Soldiers from Company A, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, secure a perimeter near a mosque in Southeastern Afghanistan.

Veterans are a national treasure

Herb Greene

Special to The Frontline

FORT LEE, Va. - This Veterans Day, we honor those who fought in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Desert Storm, Somalia and all the other military conflicts in our nation's history. Among these veterans are more than a few Defense Commissary Agency employees who also served their nation in uniform, and who have strong beliefs about that service and about the commissary benefit.

Mal Murph is the commissary store administrator at Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., and an Air Force retiree. He served 20 years and



DECA photo

Mal Murph, the commissary store administrator at Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., and an Air Force retiree.

five months in the Air Force and retired as a master sergeant. He was in Vietnam in 1963 and at the Nakon Phanom Air Base in Thailand in 1972. It is no secret how Murph feels about his service. "I considered it an honor to have served. Always felt that what I did was necessary and important to the security of our country. I am proud to have served and currently support our service personnel in any way I can." Is the commissary benefit important to him?

"Yes it is very important to me and one of the few benefits a retiree has left. It is my No. 1 benefit. I would do my grocery shopping at the commissary even if I did not work here because the savings are great."

Rita Harris is a personnel technician at DeCA headquarters. Harris served in the Army from 1965 until 1968. She was stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala., Fort Stewart, Ga., Saigon, Republic of Vietnam, and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. "In Vietnam, I was assigned to an aviation unit doing personnel work and the friends I made there were and are life-long. I don't feel that those who served in Vietnam were appreciated, but I was proud to serve my country. I didn't retire from the Army, and I did not receive the commissary benefit. My husband did retire from the military, and I can shop at the commissary because I am his spouse. The commissary benefit is very important to us."

Norman Raynal is a program analyst with DeCA's European Region in Germany. In 1965 and 1966, Raynal, an Army veteran, served in the Mekong Delta as an adviser to a Republic of Vietnam infantry battalion. From 1968 until 1969, he served on the demilitarized zone with the 101st Airborne Division. He loves his country and has definite opinions about military service. "There is no higher calling. It is the soldier who gives us freedom of the press, it is the soldier who gives us freedom of speech, it is the soldier who gives us the freedom to demonstrate, it is the soldier who allows the protester to burn the flag, the same flag that one day will drape the soldier's coffin. There is no higher calling." Yes, he also has an opinion about the commissary benefit.

"The commissary benefit allows me to purchase name-brand products at a 30-percent savings. The savings are significant for my family and equate to the cost of round-trip airfare to the United States for both of us every year, and a little spending money when we get there. Additionally, I am able to shop in a store that cares about customers and customer service."

Herminio Mallari is the retail store manager for the commissary at Los Angeles Air Force Base. He has been in the commissary

service since 1989. Mallari was a master chief petty officer in the Navy. He served aboard the USS Ogden personnel landing ship, LPD 11, during the Vietnam War. Mallari values his military service. "I would do it again if I would be asked. My military service was the most rewarding career of my life. Nothing else can ever replace all the memories of those years I was in the service, both beautiful and ugly." He, too, values the commissary benefit.

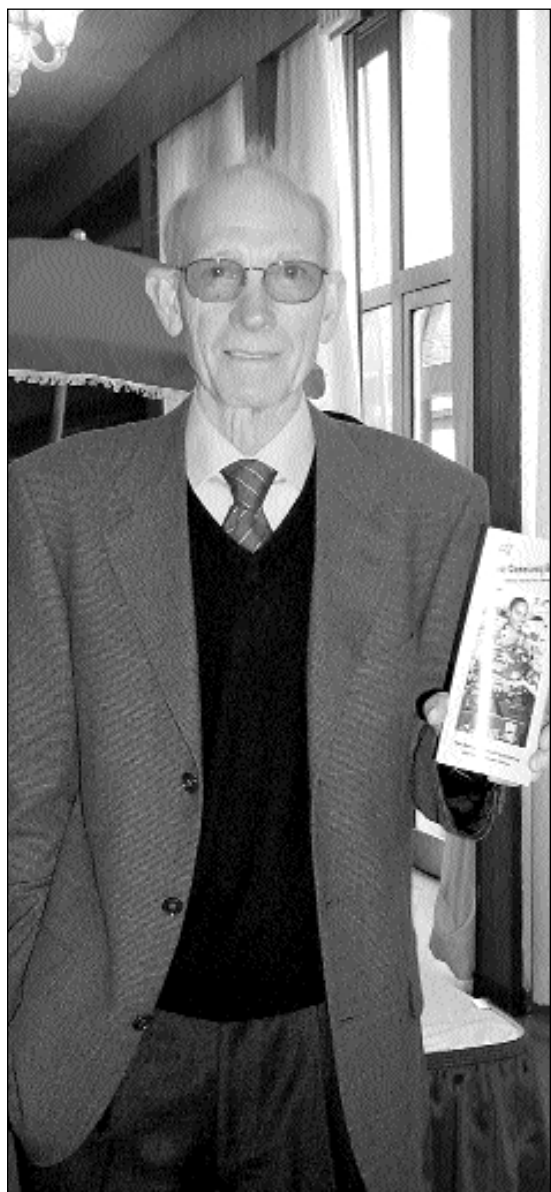
"I am lucky to work for the agency that is protecting my No. 1 benefit. My family only does its grocery shopping at the commissary. I know the savings are great in the commissary anywhere I go. The money I save is extra income for my family's needs. You see, I have more at stake in the agency I work for and that is why I consider myself lucky."

In Vicenza Italy, commissary warehouse supervisor and Army veteran Billy Luce feels pretty much the same way. Luce served in Vietnam in 1965 and 1966 and in Korea from 1968 to 1969. Luce is very clear in his thoughts about service to his country and about the commissary benefit. "It was a privilege and honor to serve my country, and definitely, the commissary benefit is important to me."

Wayne Walk, store director at Yokosuka Naval Fleet Activities commissary in Japan, spent three tours with the Army in Vietnam from the mid-1960s until the early '70s. He was in the Delta, at Cat Lai, and Can Tho, and in the north at Pleiku, Kontum, Dak Tho and Bhen Het. Walk, a veteran with 27 years of military service, has given that time a lot of thought.

"I lost a lot of good friends over there, as did over 50,000 families lose their sons and daughters while serving their country during that war. As I look back on it now, we really did something that we can be proud of. It has taken a long time for the rest of the country to realize what its young men and women went through over there. As the old saying goes, 'the older you get, the wiser you get,' and along with the recent events of 9-11, it makes me and, I think, America realize what we were a part of during that time." As you might expect, Walk supports the commissary benefit.

"I think the key word is 'benefit.' It is something that you have earned and are due. The commissary is not just another grocery store, but an activity that the Department of Defense has direct oversight for, and has charged DeCA with the responsibility to ensure that its active-duty service members, their families, Reserves, National Guard and retirees and their families are provided the best possible groceries in the world. It's their earned benefit."



DECA photo

Billy Luce, commissary warehouse supervisor in Vicenza Italy, served in Vietnam in 1965 and 1966 and Korea in 1968 to 1969.

Commissary folks are thought by some to be just ordinary people with ordinary jobs, but nothing could be further from the truth. Many, very many in fact, answered the call to duty. They served their country in its darkest hours, and, somehow, they came back to serve again by working in commissaries across the world serving those who also served their country in the past and those who are serving their country still.

This Veterans Day, make an effort to thank a vet. If you take a moment to think about it, you will realize that our veterans are a national treasure. The folks at the commissary sure think they are.

3ID IN BRIEF

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Native American Month

The 3rd Infantry Division Native American Heritage Observance scheduled for Nov. 15, has been cancelled due to possible upcoming missions.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is currently seeking individuals who are interested in volunteering at the hospital, youth center, bowling alley, gym, library and Red Cross Office. We are also seeking to fill volunteer leadership positions. For more information, call 767-2197.

Officer candidate school

The next HQDA Officer Candidate School selection board will be conducted at PERSCOM, Jan. 27 through Jan. 31. The Fort Stewart local OCS Board will be conducted at 6:30 a.m., Dec. 11, in the 3rd SSB Conference Room located in Building 621, second floor, Room 215. The deadline for packets to be turned in to the Personnel Action Section, Room 212, B Company, 3rd SSB, Building 621, is Nov. 25.

Join Special Forces

The Special Forces recruiting office is seeking professional enlisted and officer volunteers to join the ranks of one of America's most premier fighting forces. Enlisted males, private first class to sergeant first class may qualify. Applicants must have an Army Physical Fitness Test score of at least 229 in the 17- to 21-year-old age group and a General Technical Score of at least 100.

There is no age limit. Male officers commissioned in 1999 to 2000 are also being sought for the elite force. Briefings are held every Wednesday at Fort Stewart in Building 132 (Coastal Utilities) at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 767-0229 or 876-6225.

School Board meetings

Be involved in your child's education and learn what is happening at schools located on Fort Stewart. The following is the school board meeting schedule for Diamond and Brittin Elementary schools for the duration of the school year all meetings are held at 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 21 at Diamond
Jan. 23 at Brittin
Feb. 20 at Diamond
Mar. 22 at Brittin
April 17 at Diamond
May 15 at Brittin

Audie Murphy club

There is a Sergeant Audie Murphy club meeting the fourth Wednesday of each month at

11:45 a.m. in the Audie Murphy Conference Room in Building 1. For more information, call 767-9127.

Veterans Day ceremony

A Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m., Nov. 11, at the VFW Post, 931 E.G. Miles Parkway, Hwy. 196 West, Hinesville. The guest speaker will be Col. Poltorak. This event is open to the public.

Cooking for the holidays

A Cooking for the Holidays seminar will be from 5 to 7 p.m., Nov. 14, Building 470, Lindquist Rd. This seminar is sponsored by The Financial Readiness Program and is open to all military ID card holder, DOD civilians and retirees. It will offer money saving ideas for the coming holidays and low cost meal recipes.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Army Community Service at 767-5058/5059.

Fort Stewart Museum

The Fort Stewart Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Have your next small unit gathering at the Fort Stewart Museum. To make arrangements or for more information, call 767-7885.

Life Skills class

As part of the installation's Operational Stress Control Program, Division Mental Health is offering Life Skills Training for soldiers, noncommissioned officers and junior officers.

The objectives are to help people develop skills relating to dealing with difficult people, achieving goals, listening skills, differences between self-talk and reality, and passive, aggressive and assertive communication. For more information, call 767-2545.

Post orientation

Army Community Service Family Member Post Orientation/Tour is held the first Thursday of every month from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The meeting place is the Marne Soldiers' Center, Building 251 or the Fort Stewart Guest House no later than 1:15 p.m. Free child care is available.

For more information, call ACS at 767-5058/1030.

NCO and Officer Calls

Club Stewart Officer Call is in the Liberty Room Lounge and NCO Call in the Rockets Lounge. Both are from 5 to 9 p.m., Fridays, except training holidays.

Free snacks; hot dogs for sale. Bring your spouse.

Halloween in housing

The porch light policy will be in effect during Trick or Treating in the housing areas, from 6 to 8 p.m., tonight.

Attention motorists

Section six of Perimeter Road (southwest of the Hunter Army Airfield golf course to the intersection of Rio Gate Road and Perimeter Road) will be closed to thru traffic until Nov. 15.

Motorists are asked to utilize North Perimeter Road during this phase of construction.

Special Forces

The Special Forces wants you for November and January SFAS classes, call 767-1857.

Hunter Golf Club

The Hunter Golf Club will sponsor the Savannah Coastal Classic ABC Handicap Tournament on Saturday, Sunday. Call 352-5622 for more information.

Airframe and Powerplant

Do you want to be A&P certified? The Hunter Education Center is the place to go. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering coursework that leads to certification.

Tuition assistance is now 100 percent, so come in and sign up with your education counselor today. Call 352-6130 for more information.

Home Buyer's Workshop

Looking for a new home? Come to the Home Buyer's Workshop today at 6 p.m. in the Army Community Service center, Building 1286.

For more information or to sign up, call 352-6816.

Youth Sports

Basketball and cheerleading registration will be held Monday through Nov. 15. Basketball is open to children ages 7 to 18 and cheerleading is open to children ages 6 to 12.

The registration fee is \$20. For more information, call 352-6075.

NFL tickets

Reserve your tickets now for the Sunday Falcons vs. Ravens and the Dec. 1 Jaguars vs. Steelers games. Call 767-2841 for more information.

Prayer Breakfast

The 260th and 559th Quartermaster Battalions will be hosting a pre-Thanksgiving Day Prayer Breakfast, at 6:30 a.m., Nov. 22, at

the Hunter Club.

The breakfast is free to meal card holders; \$2 for non-meal card holders.

Dermatologist at Tuttle

Dr. (Maj.) Richard James, sees patients by appointment at Tuttle the last Thursday of the month between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Beneficiaries representative

Norma McLean is the Beneficiaries Service Representative for Humana, the Region 3 TRICARE at Tuttle. Her office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and Fridays, and noon to 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

She can assist beneficiaries with enrollment and other TRICARE benefit issues. Call McLean at 352-5435.

Rio Gate now open

The Rio Gate is now open to vehicles with Department of Defense decals only. The gate will be open at the following times: 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Monday - Wednesday and Friday; 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday; 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The gate will be closed on federal holidays.

Fridays at the Hunter Club

Stop by the Hunter Club Friday between 4 and 8 p.m. and let the good times roll. Music, finger foods, dancing and even a live DJ are on hand every Friday night to provide entertainment for you and your friends. Everyone is welcome

Patient education video

A patient education video series is offered at various times throughout Tuttle. Topics include asthma, gallstones, insomnia, low-back pain, ulcers and a well women's series. Check at the sign-in desk for topics, times and locations where the videos will be shown.

Tobacco cessation class

A tobacco cessation class will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning Nov. 6 in Tuttle's library. The four-week class assists people who chew, dip or smoke to kick the habit. To register for the Tuttle Class, call the Central Appointments line at 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Hunter Recycling Center

The Hunter Recycling Center is temporarily closed. Housing residents are encouraged to place cardboard that is to be recycled in or next to their recycling bin.

Winn

Flu Shots

Flu shots are now available in the immunization clinic for patients with high-risk medical conditions and those ages 65 and older. Six to 23-month-old children are also considered high risk and can receive the shot during well-baby visits. If you think you are high-risk, talk to your doctor to get a referral for the shot. Flu shots are expected to be available to the general public around mid-November. High-risk patients ages 65 and older can receive the vaccination Friday at the PX from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 370-5085.

X-Ray Halloween candy

Winn's radiology department will be screening Halloween candy tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. Radiology will screen candy through Nov. 7 during regular business hours on a time and space available basis.

Developmental screenings

Are you a military family with children up to 3-years-old with, or at risk for, developmental delays? Free developmental screenings will be held at Diamond Elementary School Nov. 5, 7, 13 and 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and at the Bryan Village Youth Services center Nov. 4, 6, 12 and 14.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's development due to premature birth, traumatic birth, serious and chronic illness or disability, call Velma Tyler at 370-6370 or Bonita Porter at 370-6349.

Operating Room display

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to work in the Operating Room? In honor of National PeriOperative Registered Nurses week, Nov. 10 - 16, Winn OR nurses will be hosting a hands-on display from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Watch a laparoscopic surgery performed on a pumpkin, work with OR instruments and learn about the role OR nurses play to keep you safe during surgery.

Healthcare Orientation

The next Healthcare Orientation will be 5 p.m. Nov. 20 in the Winn auditorium. Whether new to Fort Stewart or the Army, you are invited to learn how to get the best from your healthcare services. Take a tour of the hospital, learn how to enroll locally in TRICARE, make appointments, refill prescriptions and much more. For more information, call Linda King at 370-6225.

Holiday observances

Nov. 11 is Veterans Day, a feder-

al holiday and Nov. 8 is a MEDDAC training holiday. Services at Winn will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. Sick-call Nov. 8 will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. at Soldier Family Health Clinic #1,located in Building 701 on Divarty Avenue. For more information, call 767-7201.

Volunteer orientation

The next mandatory American Red Cross/Winn volunteer orientation will be 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday in the hospital conference room. For more information, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.

Winn Champions

Is your Family Readiness Group looking for a way to perk up meetings? Look into the Winn Champions program. Champions representatives from Winn or Tuttle will come to your meeting and talk about what the hospital has to offer you. Get your questions answered and learn how to transfer your TRICARE enrollment, refill medication, schedule appointments and much more.

For more information about Winn's representatives, call Linda King at 370-6225 or Darla Vaught at 370-6143.

Preventive Medicine moves

The Department of Preventive Medicine has moved to Soldier Family Health Clinic #2, located in Building 612 on the corner of Gulick Avenue and 6th Street. The HIV/STC and Audiology/Hearing Conservation clinics will remain at Winn.

The phone numbers remain the same.

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For more information about Tuttle's representatives, call Marilyn O'Mallon at 352-6015.

Tobacco Cessation class

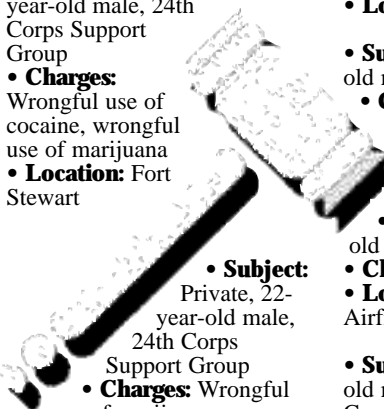
The next Tobacco Cessation class will be Jan. 9-30. To register call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 39-year-old female, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Failure to use turn signal, failure to maintain lane, drunken driving, failure to obey a lawful order, possession of tazer, open container
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, damage to government property, resisting arrest, provoking speech/gesture, no driver's license on person, failure to show proof of insurance, reckless driving
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 25-year-old, male
- **Charges:** Speeding 70/55, driving on a suspended drivers license
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-

- old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Sarasota, Fl.
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 21-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-

- old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Failure to yield the right of way, driving while license suspended, failure to follow a lawful order or regulation
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 49-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old female, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Suicidal gestures
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Failure to appear, contempt of court
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Two counts failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville



Commander's Role in serving justice

Capt. Joe Rogish
Deputy Installation Provost Marshal

Commanders play a key role in disciplining their soldiers. This is not a new concept to anyone but it goes beyond administering corrective training, UCMJ actions and chaptering soldiers for patterns of misconduct. Commanders should also interface with law enforcement.

There are four key ways that commanders interface with law enforcement. Commanders should ensure their soldiers appear at mandatory court dates. When a soldier is listed in the blotter for a civil offense (one that occurred off post), the date, time and location of the hearing is listed in the details of the blotter entry. This is so the command knows when the soldier must be in court.

Frequently soldiers inform us they were in the field or attending mandatory training and could not attend a court date. The PMO provides the information to the commander, in most cases 30 days out, to help them plan for contingencies. If unavoidable

conflicts arise contact the court and attempt to reschedule the hearing.

Ensuring soldiers make their hearings prevents them from having warrants placed on them and from paying additional fines.

AWOL's and deserters, departing and returning, must to be reported to the PMO's AWOL/Deserter Section (767-8057) by bringing a copy of the DA Form 4187 that changes their duty status to the PMO.

Also, commanders must complete the DA Form 4833, Report of Commanders Action, and DD Form 1408's, Armed Force Traffic Ticket, and return them to Police Administration at Building 292 with in 45 days. These forms are essentially the record of the adjudication of offenses and are sent on to the National Criminal Records Center or to the state that issued the driver's license.

Without the commander's adjudication soldiers who become civilians again will have no record of criminal convictions or traffic violations.

Finally, in accodance with commanding general Policy 15-

06 and AR 600-85, commanders who have soldiers who test positive in a urinalysis for any substance, prescribed or not, must contact CID at 767-3676/3962, Fort Stewart or 352-6333, Hunter within 24 hours of notification to schedule an appointment for the soldier to be interviewed and they must send the soldier to building 621 for alcohol and drug counseling within 72 hours.

All drug cases are handled by CID and the interview must take place in order to initiate a police report which will yield a DA Form 4833 for the commander to record the adjudication on. This, in turn, ensures that drug users have a "permanent criminal record." The commander's authority and responsibility, in this portion of the military criminal justice model, are great. Commanders' adjudications transcend the military and become part of the soldier's permanent criminal history and driver history, which will impact on that individual every time he or she applies for a job, buys car insurance or appears before a civil judge in the future.

Agreement

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would essentially be between the Secretary of the Army, on behalf of the U.S. Army and the Liberty County Development Authority, the Liberty County Board of Commissioners, and the City of Hinesville.

“Developing Wright field for joint use is far better then spending about \$17 million to build its (Hinesville) own airport,” Thomas said. He said that with an upgrade Wright field would be able to handle military aircraft as large as the C-130 Hercules and civilian aircraft as large as the Boeing 737.

Hinesville and military officials believe that joint use of and improvement to the existing runways and aviation facilities at Wright AAF for civilian airport operations can be done without negatively impacting military aviation and training operations at Wright AAF.

The agreement calls for construction of a civilian airport terminal and other support facilities necessary to support civilian aviation operations. The operation must also include ground maintenance and service capability for civilian aircraft at no expense to the Army. The authority will be tasked to provide fuel storage and other refueling facilities for civilian air-

craft and perform all routine maintenance and repair. This include replacement of runway lights, repair or replacement of distance-remaining signs and associated lighting, sealing of runway cracks, mowing of grass within 100 feet of the runway and a host of other maintenance.

Upon completion, the Wright-Army-Airfield makeover will yield newly resurfaced 5,000-foot runways and taxiways, with new instrument approaches, precision approach path indicator lighting and an omni directional approach light system, according to Steven Lindsey, chief Aviation and Strategic Mobility Division for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

“The PAPI provides pilots with visual reference to establish a safe angle by which to approach the runway, while the ODALS assists pilots in locating the runway threshold-environment in inclement weather,” Lindsey explained.

Additionally, Lindsey said the construction would improve the overall facility base operations to include adding more ramp space and T-hangers.

Wright AAF was built during World War II

and designated Liberty Field. It became the US Army flight training center during the Vietnam era and was renamed Wright AAF and gained its first control tower in 1968.

The idea of joint use was first discussed in 1995 but Fort Stewart didn’t receive a formal proposal from Liberty County until July 2000. The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installation and Housing completed an initial review in Aug 2000 and gave concept Department of the Army approval in April 2001.

According to military and civilian officials joint use of Wright AAF benefits both communities. Lindsey briefed that joint use will:

- * Bring needed funds for improvements to the existing facilities and will enhance current capabilities.
- * Allow sharing of maintenance and upkeep costs, allowing military dollars to be redirected to support readiness.
- * Facilitate greater capability and safety of civilian flights for the six counties surrounding Savannah when Wright is upgraded to a level II facility as described in the Georgia Statewide Aviation System Plan.

Bills

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and our freedoms. Systems such as the unmanned aerial vehicles like the Predator and the Global Hawk that we’ve used so effectively in Afghanistan.”

The Military Construction Appropriations bill, the second one signed, adds \$10.5 billion for building and upgrading military installations and for military family housing.

“We’re taking care of our people,” Bush said. “We want the people who wear the uniform to know America appreciates their service.”

The signing of the two bills did not only send a message to Americans, but to the United States’ allies and enemies.

“The bills ... send a clear signal to friend and foe alike. It doesn’t matter how long it takes to defend our freedom. The United States of America will stay the course.”

Dust bowl

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seen a lot worse.”

Master Sgt. George Asbury, the maintenance supervisor for the battery, found himself working a lot but feels the Dust Bowl has greatly improved since his first rotation in1983.

“First time there were no phones,” he said. “All the maintenance facilities, laundry, phones – all of that has been added since my first visit.”

Possibly some of the busiest soldiers in the Dust Bowl are those working in food services. They prepare two hot meals a day while distributing Meals, Ready to Eat, and other rations to units for lunch.

Sgt. 1st Class Otis Green, rations non-commissioned officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor, is on his second

rotation.

Green is responsible for picking up, accounting for and distributing rations for this rotation.

He said life in the Dust Bowl is tolerable, with the main annoyance being dust.

“The dust just makes things a lot worse,” he said. “If we have a dust storm come through, you can get sand and dust in all the food.”

Other complaints he has is being confined to the Dust Bowl and not being able to go onto the main post.

But the good training outweighs the bad aspects.

“You get to train and work together with different units. You get new ideas and fresh ideas from other NCOs,” he added. “I’ll get some training myself - something I can hold onto for future use.”



Playing with fire ...

Ken Robinson

With temperatures rising above 1,000 degrees, Capt. Stan Riner, Firefighter Earl Parker and Firefighter Thomas Williams quickly approach the emergency site with caution and began to extinguish a simulated aircraft fire, set during a live-fire training exercise held recently at the Simulator Airfield, south of Hunter Army Airfield Fire Station No. 1.

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Unscorched ...

Affordable flash-flame protection for soldiers

Special to The Frontline

NATICK, Mass. — Nomex coveralls sent to a group of combat support soldiers participating in Operation Enduring Freedom could be the beginning of affordable flash-flame protection for all soldiers.

Seventeen sets of the disposable garments were sent from the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass., in July in response to a request in June that included flame-resistant clothing. The sage green, commercially-available coveralls were selected because of their ability to reduce burns from 88 percent to 8 percent at a three-second exposure on an instrumented manikin when worn over a Battle Dress Uniform, T-shirt and briefs.

"The problem is that soldiers are going to be at risk of burns from accidental flash fires because they don't have the right clothing," said Carole Winterhalter, a textile technologist with the Individual Protection Directorate, who responded to the request.

Furthermore, the coveralls cost \$25 a set. Fitted over a regular BDU, the cost totals about \$80 vs. \$180 for a Nomex aircrew BDU.

Soft, lightweight and air-permeable, the coveralls are made from a blend of 92 percent Nomex, five percent Kevlar-both flame-resistant fibers developed by DuPont-and three percent nylon.

Cost savings are credited in part because the non-woven material is made by direct fiber-to-fabric manufacturing that removes the steps of yarn spinning and fabric preparation yet retains high tearing strength. Another reason is the simple garment design with no cuffs and minimum stitching. If the sleeves or legs are too long, a soldier can snip off the extra length with scissors.

Army aviators and tank crew members are

the only servicemembers authorized to wear flame-resistant clothing, which is made mostly from woven Nomex fabric. The fiber chars instead of melts and gives durable flame protection for the life of the garment.

Although well-liked, Winterhalter said the clothing is too expensive to issue to every ground soldier.

A team of scientists at Natick has been working on a five-year research and development program to establish flame and thermal performance requirements for military clothing systems, demonstrate a flammability test methodology that simulates military flame and thermal hazards, and finally come up with an affordable protective clothing system for infantrymen.

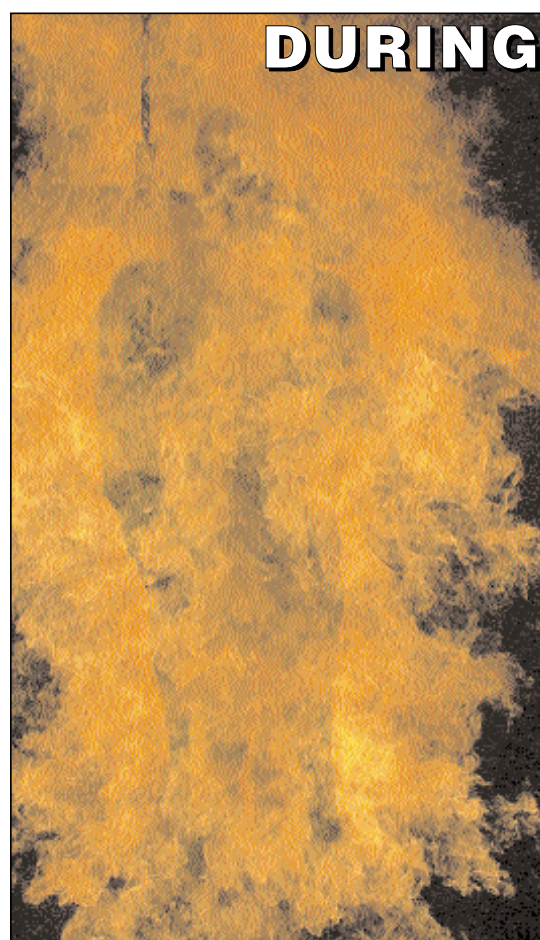
"The thought was that everything from the skin out had to be flame-resistant," Winterhalter said. "We're finding that's not necessarily the case."

Depending on the application, only the outer layer needs to be flame-resistant.

"Based on laboratory testing, we found that just the insulation-the thickness of the material-provides thermal protection. Each additional clothing layer adds insulation and increases protection time," Winterhalter said.

In an environmentally-controlled chamber, the scientists used an instrumented manikin equipped with 122 sensors that can determine the percentage of second and third-degree body burns on everything except the hands and feet. In testing, it simulates the effects of flash fires soldiers may be exposed to on the job.

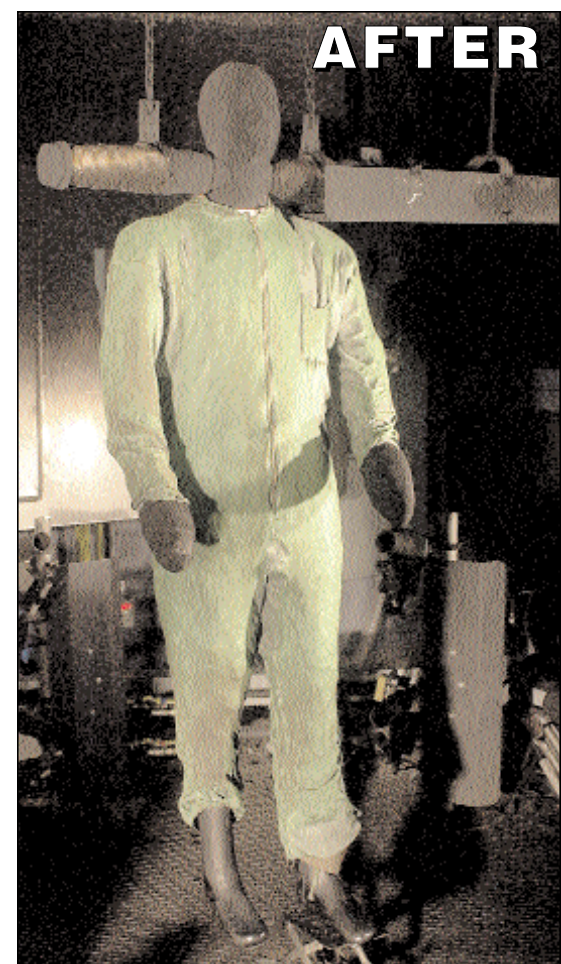
The coveralls now supporting the soldiers were designed for industry. Not intended for fire fighting, they passed National Fire Protection Association standards for industrial workwear when independently tested by the Underwriters Laboratory. Winterhalter said it's a limited-wear garment with low-



abrasion resistance and prone to pilling. For an industrial worker, it may last 10-12 washings before being disposed.

"We're hoping to get feedback from the soldiers and use it in conjunction with an ongoing development effort to come up with a military-specific version," she said.

The military version will have a camouflage pattern, openings to gain access to garments worn underneath, sizing that fits the military population, and an oil and water



repellency treatment that may also reduce pilling and enhance durability. Even at double the cost and worn over the BDU, Winterhalter said the system will still be 40 percent less expensive than existing flame-protective clothing.

That would meet the team's final objective of developing a flame-protective clothing system that's 30-50 percent less expensive than existing Nomex-based systems.

SPORTS & FITNESS

B SECTION

On Post

Golf Course

Taylor's Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee-off. They also offer a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m., and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. Saturdays and at 1 p.m. Sundays.

Racquetball at Newman

Nov. 23 will be the Ektelon Demo Day at the Newman Fitness Center. Try out the latest products from Ektelon, the #1 Brand in Racquetball. There is limited space so sign up early. Anyone interested in learning how to play racquetball can stop by Newman Fitness Center Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday between 4:30 and 6 p.m. or Saturday 9 a.m. to noon to get pointers from some of the best players in this area.

Jordan Gym renovations

Jordan Gym is closed for renovation until January.

Marne tournaments

A 9-pin, no-tap tournament will be held the first Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded. The tournament is sponsored by the Fort Stewart Women's Bowling Association. A scotch doubles tournament is held the third Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per couple. Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 767-4866.

Massage therapy program

There is a massage therapy program at Newman Fitness Center. Therapeutic massage is a gentle method of alleviating pain and, in combination with medical attention, heals certain conditions and helps prevent their return. Massage therapy is available 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Or, call to make an appointment. The cost is \$1 per minute.

Youth B-ball, cheerleading

Youth ages 6 to 18 can sign up for basketball and cheerleading starting Nov. 4 at CYS in Building 443. he fee is \$20 per child. Sign-ups continue until teams are full. For more information, call CYS at 767-2312, or Corkan Gym at 767-2143.

Intramural basketball

The Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Pre-Season Intramural Basketball Tournament will be held Nov. 25 to 28. The entry deadline is Nov. 18. Entry fee is \$100 and each team is limited to 12 players, including coaches. The tournament is limited to 20 teams. The first place team will receive a team and individual trophies. For more information, call 767-6572 or 352-6749.

Off Post

Aerobics classes

The West Broad Street YMCA offers aerobics. The classes are held 11 a.m. to noon, noon to 1 p.m., 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., every Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturdays. There is no fee for YMCA members and \$30 for non-members per month. For more information, call 233-1951.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

110th QM Co. tames Mad Dawgs, 14-6



Photos by Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

(Above) 603rd receiver Shannon Vereen is wide open as the Mad Dawgs attempt a game tying drive during the Hunter Army Airfield Intramural Football Championship Oct. 24. (Right) 603rd quarterback Kevin Miller feels the heat as the 110th defense goes for the sack.

Quartermasters take home Hunter football championship

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Hunter Public Affairs Office

Quarterback Edward Kidd assumed the mantle of leadership and powered the 110th Quartermaster Company to victory over the 603rd Aviation Support Battalion 14-6 Oct. 24 at Hunter Army Airfield to claim the Hunter post intramural football championship. Winning the coin toss and deferring to the second half, the 603rd Mad Dawgs' defense decided to test Kidd and his 110th crew early. With stifling quarterback pressure and solid pass coverage, the 603rd defense held the 110th to minimal yardage and got the ball on downs following a sack of

Kidd. Quarterback Kevin Miller took the field for the Mad Dawgs' offense and went to the air early and often. He hit Eli Horsley for a 13-yard gain and followed up with a completion on a nine-yard slant to Shannon Vereen. Following an eight-yard quarterback sneak, the drive stalled when the 110th forced an interception. Kidd and company returned to offense, determined to break the defensive standoff. Running back Chris Neloms caught a 40-yard strike on an option play, advancing deep into Mad Dawgs territory. Neloms then broke free for seven more yards on a pitch out to

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Tournament brings players from around U.S.

Charles Knight

Special to the Frontline

When International Racquetball Tour Champion and Men's Professional Racquetball Association World Champion Mike Ray came down for the Fort Stewart Open Racquetball Tournament this Oct. 18 through 20, participants and spectators had no idea what was in store. The First Fort Stewart Open drew players from Atlanta, Ga.; Columbia, S.C.; Charleston, S.C., and as far away as Texas. The \$300 1st place purse also brought in World Champion Mike Ray, from Hilton Head Island, S.C. Sponsored by Ektelon and Team Ektelon member Charles Knight, the Fort Stewart Open turned out to be a huge success in their effort to bring racquetball back to Coastal Georgia and the surrounding areas. Mike came out of "semi-retire-

ment" for the tournament and clearly showed why he carries the title of "World Champion." His first match was against Harry Gunter from Atlanta. Mike had a hard time staying focused due to the comical antics of Gunter. This strategy worked and helped Harry amassed 6 points in game one. However, the match was more a show for the spectators than a challenge for Mike (15-7, 15-4). Next up was Hester Jackson, who defeated Air Force Master Sgt. Ray Cordero from Charleston Air Force Base in the Men's Open quarterfinals (7-15, 15-10, 11-10). This was one of the best matches of the tournament. The two would meet again in the Men's 35+ semifinals with different results. Hester came in from Augusta, Ga. Entering the Men's Open as the #3 Seed and Men's 35+ as the #1 Seed, Hester seemed to be a formidable opponent during several



Courtesy photo

Charles Knight and John Cretian battle it out on the court.

rallies; however Mike demonstrated his ability and experience as he dominated the match, cleaning it up in two games (15-5, 15-2).

Waiting in the wings was Shane Karmelin, finalist or semifinalist in

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Hunter Dragons fire up Southside with 3-1 victory

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Hunter Public Affairs Office

The Hunter Dragons lived up to their name as they unleashed a fiery fury on the YMCA's Southside during a youth soccer game held Oct. 21 at the Hunter Army Airfield youth sports field. Although both teams, consisting of players under 12 years of age, played a scoreless first half, it was the Dragons that took control in the next half, penetrating the nets for two quick goals in the first seven minutes of the second half. The Hunter squad scored again in the half to advance their lead to 3-0. As the game clock ticked down the final minutes of the game, Southside players managed to get past the Dragons' defense to score the team's one and only game point. The three top players of the game included Carlos Martinez, Ebony Washington and the only returning player from the previous season, Hannah Davie, according to Dragons' coach Ken Robinson. "The whole team played their hearts out," Robinson said. "But these guys really stood out — the way they controlled the ball was just great. They were really on top of the ball during the whole game." Robinson praised the players for not only winning the game, but also because of their ability to come together and work as a team. "These kids are great — every time we play a

game, whether they win or lose, they learn another lesson about teamwork," he said. "When the season first started, the team had a little trouble coming together — they all wanted to kick the ball at the same time. But as they progressed, they learned that they could move the ball more easily if they took turns and passed it." Regular youth soccer enthusiasts may have noticed that this year's team has more female players than in previous years. "I tell everyone not to underestimate those girls," Robinson said. "They're our stronger force." Although the team's record stands at 2-2, they've learned from their early season mistakes. But there are some areas that still need work,

Robinson said. "We need to improve in a few areas — throwing the ball, and defending the goal," he said. "The goalie and defensive back positions need to be a little stronger, but those are tough positions anyway. Win or lose, as long as the kids enjoy themselves and learn and grow as a team, I'm happy." The team has four more games in the regular season. Robinson said he has a positive outlook on the team's future. "Nobody likes to lose — every one wants to win. But if we can walk off the field after a win or loss knowing that we accomplished something and had fun in the process, we can hold our heads up high," he said.



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Hunter Dragons Chalynette Martinez and Courtney Mahar try to get the ball from a Southside defender during a youth soccer game held Oct. 21 at Hunter's Youth Sports field.

Marne Scoreboard

Football

2002 Fort Stewart Intramural Flag Football Standings Through Monday			
Eastern Conference			
Team	W	L	Pct.
HSC 92nd Eng.	10	1	.909
HHC 4/64 AR	9	2	.818
A Co. 11th Eng.	7	4	.636
B Btry. 1/39 FA	8	3	.727
92nd Chem.	7	4	.636
B Btry. 1/41 FA	7	4	.636
A Co. 10th Eng.	5	6	.556
94th Maint.	6	5	.545
C Co. 4/64 AR	1	10	.091
C Trp. 1st Cav.	0	11	.000
A Btry. 1/3 ADA	0	11	.000
Western Conference			
Team	W	L	Pct.
HHB DIVARTY	10	1	.909
HHC 3/7 Inf.	9	2	.818
A Co. 2/7 Inf.	9	2	.818
HHC 3d ID	7	4	.636
A Btry. 1/9 FA	6	4	.600
Svc. Btry. 1/41 FA	6	5	.545
B Co. 3rd SSB	5	5	.500
B Btry. 1/9 FA	4	5	.444
B Co. 703rd MSB	3	8	.273
A Trp. 3/7 Cav.	1	9	.100
A Btry. 1/41 FA	1	10	.091
C Co. 2/7 Inf.	1	11	.083
Pacific Conference			
Team	W	L	Pct.
B Co. 123rd Signal	9	2	.818
103rd MI	9	2	.818
632nd Maint.	9	2	.818
HHT 3/7 Cav.	7	4	.636
549th MP	7	4	.636
MEDDAC	5	6	.455
SJA	5	6	.455
15th ASOS	5	6	.455
396th Trans.	4	7	.364
HHC DISCOM	4	7	.364
B Co. 10th Eng.	3	8	.273
A Co. HQs Cmd.	0	11	.000
Scores Oct. 22			
Pacific Conference			
B Co. 123rd Signal	0	(forfeit),	549th MP 7

632nd Maint. 7, MEDDAC 0 (forfeit) <i>End of regular season</i> Oct. 28 Playoffs HHT 3/7 Cav. 7, B Btry. 1/39 FA 0 (forfeit) HHB DIVARTY 29, HHC 3ID 22 B Co. 3rd SSB 18, 103rd MI 20 632nd Maint. 21, HHC 4/64 AR 20 HHC 3/7 Inf. 12, HHC 4/64 AR 28 B Co. 123rd Signal 33, HHT 3/7 Cav. 36 HSC 92nd Eng. 34, 103rd MI 18	and 0 points per loss. In addition to these points, 1 point is awarded for each goal (3 maximum) and 6 points is deducted from a team for each "Red Card" penalty.
2002 Hunter Army Airfield Intramural Flag Football Playoff Scores	
Oct. 21 D Co. 1/3 Avn. 7, HHD 260th QM 0 (forfeit)	
Oct. 22 B Co. 603rd ASB 8, D Co. 1/3 Avn 6 559th QM 0, A Co. 603rd ASB 6	
Oct. 23	

Soccer

110th QM Co. 26, B Co. 603rd ASB 16
A Co. 603rd ASB 21, 416th Trans. 18
**Oct. 24
Championship**
110th QM 14, A Co. 603rd ASB 6

School Age Youth Services Sports
Soccer standings
(As of Oct. 22)

7-9 Mites			
Team	W		L
United	5		0
Fire	2		3
Wizards	2		3
Fusion	1		4

10-11 Midgets*				
Teams	W	L	T	PTS**
Burn	1	2	0	7
Wizards	0	2	0	1

12-13 Juniors*				
Teams	W	L	T	PTS**
United	1	1	1	11

*These teams are playing in Liberty County Recreation League including teams from Wayne County

**Point system is broken down as follows:
3 points per win, 1 point each team per tie,

Basketball

Fort Stewart/ Hunter Army Airfield Preseason Intramural Basketball Tournament	
The tournament will be held Nov. 25 to 28. The entry deadline is Nov. 18 and the entry fee is \$100 per team. Teams will be limited to 12 players per team, including the coach. First place will receive a team trophy and each player will receive a trophy. Second place will receive a team trophy. For more information, call 767-6572. Heritage Bank Senior Mixed Classic	

Bowling

Oct. 21 High Series Handicap	
Women	Audrey Long 635
Men	Harold Brown 641
High Series Scratch	
Women	Shirley Carter 496
Men	Jerry Doga 560
High Game Handicap	
Women	Audrey Long 247
Men	Jerry Doga 264
High Game Scratch	
Women	Beulah Sanders 192
Men	Jerry Doga 242
Wednesday Night Mixed League Oct. 23	
High Series Handicap	
Women	Elizabeth Hardgrove 776
Men	Cedric Golson 759
High Series Scratch	
Women	Elizabeth Hardgrove 698
Men	Cedric Golson 663
High Game Handicap	
Women	Irene Harrison 275
Men	Jesse Padgett 279
High Game Scratch	
Women	Elizabeth Hardgrove 698
Men	Cedric Golson 663

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bring the 110th inside the five-yard line. Kidd attempted a quarterback sneak but was stopped on the two. Going back to what got them there, Kidd hit Neloms on a slant to the left for the touchdown. He then threaded a pass through traffic to Jack Felton for the conversion as 110th took the lead 8-0.

With time running down in the half, Miller completed a series of short passes before the 110th defense tightened, leaving the 603rd with fourth and long. Quarterback Kevin Miller saved the drive with a 25-yard rush up the middle, but time expired before a time-out could be called.

As the second half began, the 603rd mounted a sustained drive down the field. Mixing pass and run plays they cut deep into the 110th's defense. Vereen brought them back into the game when he reversed a

slant to the left and cut back for a 25-yard touchdown scamper. The two-point conversion failed and the 603rd trailed 8-6.

As 110th assumed offense, Kidd took charge. Using the option play again, Lashaun Cunningham caught a 35-yard pass to break into Mad Dawg territory. After several running plays, Kidd's offense faced fourth down. Throwing a desperation pass into traffic, the Mad Dawg defense intercepted Kidd and returned the ball 50-yards to the 110th 20-yard line. Just as the tide had seemingly turned for 603rd, a yellow flag was noticed in the defensive backfield. With a pass interference penalty negating the long interception and setting the 110th up at the Mad Dawg 10, Kidd vowed to take advantage of this opportunity himself. Tucking the ball away, he found the

endzone on a 10-yard scamper. Following a sack on the conversion attempt, the 110th crew was up 14-6.

With a sense of time running out, Miller and the 603rd Mad Dawgs attempted to mount a game tying drive. Overlooked for much of the evening, Miller hit Omra Schultz up the right side for a 30-yard gain. Running the identical play, he hit Schultz again for a 20-yard gain. With the ball on the 20-yard line and out of timeouts, 603rd scrambled to get a play off. It was not to be. The referee raised his hands, signaling time had expired; 110th had earned the right to represent Hunter Army Airfield at Fort Stewart's Intramural Football Championship.

"Teamwork was the key," said Kidd. "Everyone came together and played up to their abilities."

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three of the last National Junior Olympic Championships, Gold Medal Winner of the 2002 Georgia Games, finalist 2002 National High School Doubles Championships, just to name a few accomplishments for this 17-year-old from Dacula, Ga. Shane has been playing racquetball as a sponsored player for at least ten years. Off the court, Shane is like any other 17-year-old full of practical jokes. Once the door to the racquetball court is closed, it's another world to him.

Naturally Shane entered the tournament as the #2 Seed behind Mike Ray. After eliminating Donald Gunstra from Charleston, S.C., and Ray Cantos from Texas, Shane knew he would face Mike Ray in the Men's Open Finals. No matter what the outcome, Shane was going to give it his all. This was racquetball like we've never seen! What the spectators thought were dead balls suddenly came alive as Shane dove to the left and dove to the right bringing life back into Mike's shots — which were inches off the floor!

Compliments from Mike and applause from the gallery pumped Shane up even more.

Yet, experience outlasted youth and Mike took the championship match in two (15-2, 15-5), dealing a crushing blow to young Shane. The experience of playing a World Champion was a great consolation for Shane, who bounced back to his practical jokes within minutes.

Other Winners were:

Men's Open Doubles: Shane Karmelin & Marcus Riggins defeated Scott Rollins and Harry Gunter 15-6, 15-10

Men's A: Charles Knight of Hinesville and Team Ektelon defeated John Cretian of Columbia, S.C. 15-9, 2-15, 11-8

Men's B/C: Nathaniel Blunt of Jacksonville, Fla., defeated Larry Ramirez of Hinesville 15-14, 15-2

Men's 35+: Ray Cordero of Charleston, S.C., defeated Scott Rollins of Augusta, Ga., 15-2, 15-6

Team Ektelon will be starting a Racquetball League in the near future. Stop by Newman Fitness Center for more information or contact Charles Knight at (912) 421-2921 or cgknight@bigfoot.com.

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The way I see it...

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

— Commentary —



I'm told my overbearing writing style is more palatable in small doses, so anyone reading this while I'm at NTC is in luck: I can't write as much because the pages are smaller! But you still get to read my views on the week that was in the wild world of sports.

ITEM! So Lou Piniella wants to go home, huh? He just can't stand upper management in Seattle. You've got to ask yourself, does he really think things will be that much better in Tampa Bay? Last I checked, that was the city that baseball forgot. Once again Washington was robbed of a franchise in favor of another Florida team. The ingrates down there don't go to baseball games! Lou, you're too good a manager with too good a team. Stay away from the beach!

ITEM! It looks like Oklahoma is back on top of things, despite Miami's 28-game winning streak, national championship and domination of both major polls throughout this season. The Sooners got a big boost with a 49-3 win over Iowa State last weekend, and the first BCS rankings of the year have rewarded them for it. Who's in third, you ask? Notre Dame, with the strongest schedule in the country. The Irish play Florida State this weekend, so the Canes shouldn't get too confident about their current position. The rest of the season will be interesting.

ITEM! The West Coast World Series rolls on, and Barry Bonds appears to have a good shot at that ring he's always wanted. You know, you could really see the fire back in the early 90s when he played for Pittsburgh. It couldn't happen to a more

team-oriented guy (sic).

ITEM! Steve Spurrier is continuing his game of musical chairs with the announcement this week that Shane Matthews will start for the Washington Redskins Sunday night against Indianapolis. Variety is the spice of life, isn't it? Ballcoach needs to give one quarterback the chance to make the Redskins HIS team. At 2-4, the Skins can't handle too much more instability, and Dan Snyder isn't exactly known for his patience.

ITEM! Just had to mention the Rally Monkey, folks. You gotta love that little guy and his unadulterated joy at the game of baseball.

ITEM! The NBA season is right around the corner and I find myself asking "Who cares?" It's kind of hard to put an emotional investment into a league where the millionaires haven't emotionally matured themselves. I've got deep-seated neuroses older than most of these guys.

ITEM! Is it just me, or does the SEC seem particularly weak this year? As a Tennessee fan, I never thought I'd see the day, and this isn't just sour grapes. Either the SEC is so good that the teams just beat each other out of national championship contention, or it's time to mourn the passing of the Evil Genius, the aforementioned Steve Spurrier. Even with high-quality competition, there needs to be one to rise above them all. Maybe it's Georgia's turn.

Well, that's this week's quick riff on the sports headlines. I'm out like Randy Moss and Terrell Owens.

Tae Kwon Do Lessons

The Youth Center is pleased to have your child enrolled in our Tae Kwon Do Program. The sport TKD will help you child's physical strength, coordination, fitness, power of concentration and discipline.

Classes are held each Tuesday and Thursday at the Youth Center for one hour as follows: Beginners 5 to 6 p.m., intermediate 6 to 7 p.m. and teen and adult class 7 to 8 p.m. Classes are held at the Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Building 7338, Austin Rd., Bryan Village, next to the shoppette. The fee is \$25 per month for registered participants. Each month's fee must be paid by the 26th day of the previous month.

In order for any child to advance in TKD and earn belts, there are additional costs involved. Each child starts with a "white belt." After two or three months of instruction, the child could be tested for the next color belt. In order to be tested for any belt, the child must wear a uniform. The uniforms can be made, borrowed or purchased. the normal cost for a new uniform is \$25. Test for promotions are given at the Youth Center, the fee is \$25 and belts are included, cost for the test is subject to increase as the level increases.

If you have any questions or for more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

JAKE'S BODY SHOP

Eating right and loving it

How to watch you weight at parties

Your friend has just invited you to a party at her house. Although you are looking forward to going, you're worried you will eat too much and gain unwanted pounds.

Even though it is far too easy to overeat at parties, you don't have to give in to your favorite party foods. Here are some tips to help you successfully manage your weight at the next holiday get-together.

Think realistically

You may need to change the way you think about the party. To tell yourself that you will only eat raw vegetables and fruit is not very realistic.

Instead, eat a small fruit salad before you go so you are not famished. Then, although you can indulge a little, be sure you don't stand next to the dessert table or by the chips and dip all evening.

Go for quality

In the past, you may have eaten until you were stuffed, whether or not you particularly liked everything on your plate. Break the habit of eating throughout the entire evening.

Carefully choose what you are going to eat and savor those items, knowing you won't be going back for three or four more trips to the buffet.

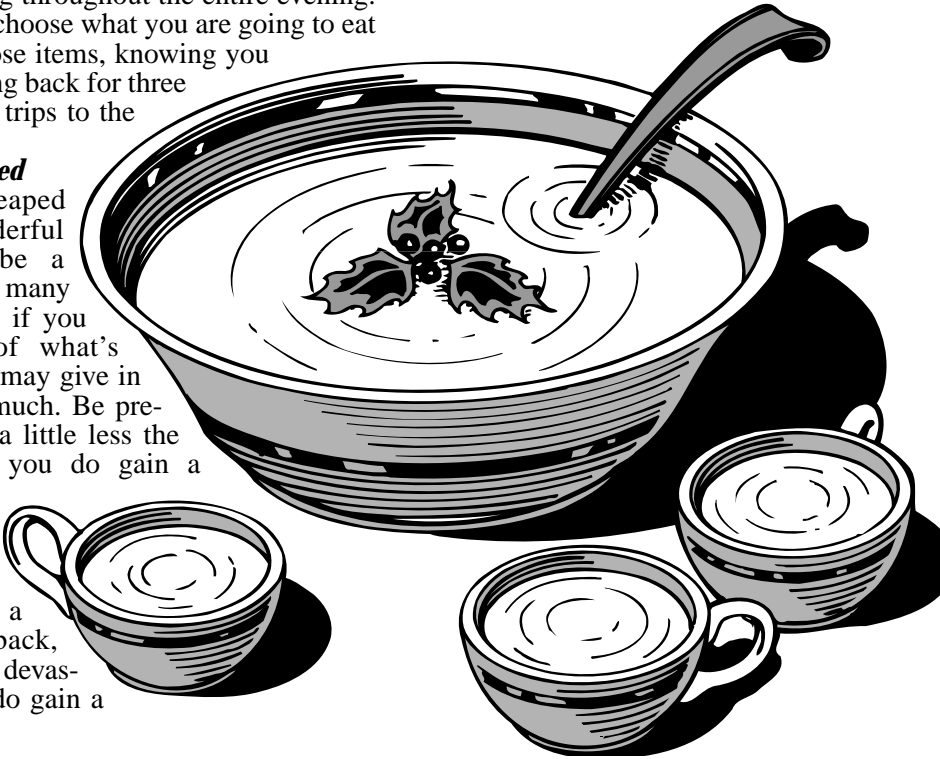
Be prepared

Tables heaped with wonderful foods can be a downfall for many people. Even if you are aware of what's coming, you may give in and eat too much. Be prepared to eat a little less the next day if you do gain a pound or two. By realizing that the party could be a small setback, you won't be devastated if you do gain a little.

Parties don't have to make you fear overindulging. Instead, you can be confident that you will make your evening a success in every way.

Making parties healthy and fun

- ✓ Eat a small salad before leaving for the party.
- ✓ Don't stand by the dessert tray or chips and dip platter all evening.
- ✓ Carefully choose which foods you are going to eat.
- ✓ Be prepared to eat a little less the day after the party if you do gain a pound or two.
- ✓ Focus on the people around you, rather than the food.



LIFE & TIMES

C SECTION

On Post

Holiday cooking

The Financial Readiness program is offering "Cooking for the Holidays" classes.

The class will offer money-saving ideas on how to make low-cost meals.

The class will be 5-7 p.m. Nov. 14 at Building 470 Lindquist Road.

To make a reservation or for more information call, 767-5058.

Youth Services programs

The Fort Stewart Youth Services offer a wide variety of sports, activities and programs for children to participate in.

The Youth Center, located behind the shoppette in Bryan Village, is open 2:30-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 8 p.m. Saturday.

For information about the programs available to youth, call 767-4491 or visit the center.

Spooky vet clinic

The Fort Stewart veterinary clinic will host a haunted house and pet costume contest 3 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 31. The different categories for the contest will be cutest, scariest, most original and owner pet look a like.

First, second and third prizes will be given in each category.

Admission is free and all children and pets, except snakes, are welcome. For more information, call Denise Bradley at 767-4194.

Attention waiting spouses

Waiting Spouses is a support service to families on post or in the surrounding community who are living separately from their military and civilian sponsor due to mission requirements.

The Waiting Spouse briefing is held 9 to 10 a.m. every Wednesday at Army Community Service, Building 470, and is mandatory for those who reside on post and require additional information on installation services.

The Waiting Spouse Support Group is held 10 to 11 a.m. following the briefing each Wednesday at ACS. Come and experience the joy of friendship in this Army community.

For more information, call Doris Duchscherer at 767-5058.

Volunteering

Do you have a few hours each day, each week or each month to work with new people, learn new skills and contribute to our community? The Installation Volunteer Coordinator Program need military spouses and others who are interested in helping others. Childcare may be provided.

For more information, call IVC at 767-5058, or stop by Army Community Service, Building 470.

Rape Crisis Center

The Rape Crisis Center is training volunteer advocates to provide support and information to sexual assault victims on the crisis line and at area hospitals. Free training classes begin Monday. To register or for more information, call 369-3335.

Off Post

Museum

Journey through an adventure of sights and sounds with exhibits, aircraft, artifacts at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum.

The museum is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

For more information, call 748-8888.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

Taylor's Creek Community lives in families' memories



Sgt. Raymond Piper

Fort Stewart Garrison Commander, Col. Gerald Poltorak, listens as Grace Stevens tells him about her families' grave sites and history.

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

The Taylor's Creek Cemetery Association held its 57th Annual meeting at the Taylor's Creek Cemetery here Oct. 20.

About 125 people, including former residents and their families, and members of the Fort Stewart community attended the event.

"This may not have been where the residents originated, but it is where they settled so we want to keep their memory alive because they played an integral role in Georgia and U.S. history," said Ken Porter, Taylor's Creek Association president. "It's important for families to remember where they come from."

Col. Gerald Poltorak, the Fort Stewart Garrison commander, was the guest speaker for the event.

"A lot of the time conversations about the World War II era revolve around the soldiers', sailors' and Marines' sacrifices but not around the factory worker or people like the residents of Taylor's Creek who gave up their land," Poltorak said. "Our successes could not be without your sacrifices."

The event gave the families a chance to share their memories and tell the stories of their parents and grandparents.

"There is a lot of history from this community," said Dan Collins, whose grandfather five times removed, James Darsey, is buried in Taylor's Creek Cemetery.

The Taylor's Creek settlement dates back to 1768.

Archibald Bulloch made a request that described a thousand acre tract he desired as being located "at a place called Taylor's Creek on Little Connochee within three miles of William Taylor."

By 1820, the Taylor's Creek community formed a stable segment of Liberty County life.

Taylor's Creek Methodist Church was erected in 1841 and served the community until 1941. At about the same time, the congregation initiated the practice of holding a camp meeting.

In 1859, a permanent site, located near Fort Stewart Firing Position 24, was donated for camp meetings.

Attendance at the campground was multi-denominational. Campers occupied small wooden, two bedroom cottages with central breezeways and lean-to dining rooms. Called "tents," these cottages were eventually arranged in three rows around a square central area.

"The (association) meetings are held on the third week of October because that's when the ... church meetings were held," Collins said.

Shortly before 1940, Congress created an anti-aircraft training center at Camp Stewart in late June 1940.

The purchase of land displaced more than 1,500 families and 6,000 people.

The federal government reimbursed the residents for their land at about \$4 to \$14 an acre.

Residents had to show cause why their property should not be

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Fall festival special treat for children



Photos by Sgt. Raymond Piper

(Above) Children race for a prize during a potato sack race at the Youth Center Fall Festival Saturday. The annual event gave children a fun night of games and prizes.

(Left) Danielle Braun, 5, tosses ring at the octopus ring toss as her mother, Tricia, gets ready to hand her another ring.



Sgt. Raymond Piper

Student council members from Brittin Elementary School, assisted by Brittin's Principal Sherry Templeton, cut a ribbon symbolizing the opening of B and C wings Oct. 17.

Brittin Elementary reopens B, C wings

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

Brittin Elementary School reopened wings B and C with a ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 17.

Wings A, D and E were completed prior to the school reopening for the current school year.

"It's wonderful to be back at Brittin Elementary School and we're all excited to be back," said Carol Kipp, assistant principal. "It's been a little tough ... and a challenge, but we have risen to the challenge."

Parts of the school were closed as the heating and air conditioning system was

being replaced. The system was originally due to be replaced in the 2003 to 2004 time frame but due to air quality issues during the last school year, the system was replaced.

As part of the HVAC replacement, all old air ducts were removed. The 40-foot ceilings were lowered to eight feet, new thermostats were installed, and each classroom has individually controlled air conditioning and heating.

"There is a big sense of (relief). I think the (air quality) issues will be laid to rest and the children are where they want to be — in their classrooms," said Kipp.

Army Soldier Show



2002 Army Soldier Show inspires audiences



Photos by Nancy Gould

(Above) Cast members of the Army Soldier Show 2002 sing and dance during a song adapted from the movie, *Moulin Rouge* Oct. 22.
(Right) Cast members kick off the show with the opening number, "Freedom is a Bird that Flies."

Nancy Gould

DCAS

Spectators packed Newman Fitness Center opening night of Army Entertainment Division's 2002 Army Soldier Show, Oct. 22. Many in the crowd had seen the annual productions before and came tonight expecting another superb performance. Judging from their reactions and the applause, the 90-minute show met their high expectations.

"It was very exciting," said Minerva Anderson, a Savannah resident with prior military experience who has seen three soldier shows altogether. "These shows really hold your attention. The soldiers could be professional entertainers on Broadway."

With only three weeks left in their six-month tour, the animated team of 17 soldiers/performers and six technicians gave their customary top-notch performances at Fort Stewart as they sang and danced about Freedom – this year's theme. Before the tour ends late November, the soldiers will have completed 98 performances at 54 locations in 20 states, Germany and Italy, without much rest and often working 17 to 18 hour days.

"I'm anxious to get home to my husband and kids," said Spc. Mari Koontz, a performer, who had never seen a show before her husband urged her to audition this year. Koontz said that working with soldiers from various ranks and professions has broadened her knowledge of the Army and allowed her to grow personally. "It's hard work, but a lot of fun," said Koontz. "Those who think they're interested should audi-

tion."

Another performer, Sgt. Albert Latuch, agrees. His wife urged him to try out for the show although it meant leaving her at Fort Riley alone with their five children. He plans to pursue a career in the entertainment industry when he completes his military tour in six years as a network switching systems installer.

Stage Manager Spc. Lisa Schuster, a water purification specialist, said all show members, including performers, set up and break down the 20 tons of equipment that it takes to do the show. The grueling task that originally took half a day has been reduced to only a few hours. But despite all the work, Schuster said performing is a privilege and she'd do it again if given the chance. "I love seeing the performers on stage," she said, adding that she is happy to be in the background doing whatever she needs to do the keep things moving on schedule. "That's a big challenge. Problems range from audio or lighting to prompts breaking on the set."

Approximately 3,000 Fort Stewart and community residents turned out for the Tuesday and Wednesday night performances, according to Larry Cutchens, recreational chief at Directorate of Community Activities and Services, which sponsors the yearly production at Fort Stewart. "The show this year had a lot of young talent and modern updated music for young soldiers to enjoy," Cutchens said. "A lot of soldiers and their families come to these free shows every year. That's what we want – the show is meant to boost morale and to entertain the entire military community."



(Above) Sgt. Sharon Tongol, Sgt. Kathy Heidecker and Lt. Col. Ann Gordon bring a little a country to the show with the Dixie Chicks' song, "Some Days."
(Left) An Army Soldier Show cast member wowed the audience with his song and dance routine.

AUSA meeting focuses on soldier and family well-being

Dawn Thacker
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Senior Army leaders held a two-day forum to discuss military family issues at the Association of the United States Army's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Oct. 21 and 22.

Themed "Building on Well-Being Successes," the first day featured testimonials by Army families who personally benefited from the Army's programs and services, such as the improved condition of family housing units due to recent privatization measures.

Day two of the forum was called "Soldiers and Army Families - Well-being Way Ahead." A five-member panel spoke on issues of concern to the typical Army family, including the state of Well-Being, community and installation management, health care, family strength and readiness, and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation and family programs.

"It takes a cultural change in the Army to properly execute, organize, and develop people programs," said Brig. Gen. Steven Schook, chief of Well-Being.

By effecting this change in attitude, the Army will be able to accomplish its mission of getting well-being written into policy and doctrine, as well as using resources and garrison-level leaders to improve the total Army lifestyle, Schook said.

Part of improving Army life is improving installations, officials said.

"We have fundamentally altered the way we manage our installations," said Maj. Gen. Larry Lust, chief of Transformation in Installation Management Agency. "We will bring it all up to a higher standard by taking a community first approach."

Two main goals for this program are to have all single-soldier barracks modernized by the year 2008 and to have all family housing at an adequate level by 2007, either through new construction or renovation, he said.

Another forum issue was Army health care. Lt. Gen. James Peake, chief of Army medicine, spoke on a number of Army medical programs that are currently being expanded, reworked or created.

Some of those programs include having TriCare cover school physicals, more inclusive dental insurance, a national mail order pharmacy and reimbursement for travel done to obtain specialized treatment, Peake said.

Army Well-Being includes both soldiers and their families, officials said. Maj. Gen. G.T. Gunhus, chief of chaplains, discussed the importance of building strong and ready families within the Army.

There are programs underway, and gearing up for expansion, that aim to strengthen individual and couple well-being, personally and spiritually, to help Army families learn to cope with the challenges of military life, he said.

Brig. Gen. Robert Decker, chief of the Community and Family Support Center, concluded the forum with a discussion of Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs and goals.

"The greatest challenge in the 21st century is 'work-life balance'," Decker said. "We want to make sure the outreach program is better than it's ever been."

Cemetery

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taken by eminent domain procedures, according to a New York Times article dated March 13, 1941.

The official act of transfer of lands to the federal government was announced in an article appearing in the Savannah Morning News March 8, 1941. The announcement stated:

"Title to approximately 76,800 acres of land in Liberty and Bryan counties for Camp Stewart anti-aircraft training center near Hinesville was acquired by the United States yesterday when Federal Judge William H. Barrett signed a decree granting immediate title to the government. The property condemned yesterday was the first of a group of tracts which will comprise the Camp Stewart military site. Ultimately, the site will take in 360,000 acres. Funds totaling \$667,334 were deposited with the clerk of United States District Court, Savannah, as the estimated just compensation for the land owned by some 325 persons and firms...The huge tract, representing about one-fifth of the land to be acquired, must be vacated by former property owners before midnight, March 24, 1941."

Structures had to be disposed. Persons who desired to do so could move their homes and other buildings to a new location outside Fort Stewart or dismantle them and use the materials for other purposes. Those not removed were destroyed. The cemetery is among the largest of the 55 old community cemeteries on the fort.

Maj. Gen. Paul E. Blackwell, then commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Stewart, organized the Fort Stewart Cemetery Council in 1993.

The designation of the council is to inform the installation of the cemetery's preservation needs. Many of the headstones date back to the early 19th Century; therefore, special attention is required to ensure their continued longevity.

What can be ensured is the continuance of visitors to the site.

"My father was born out here and passed the history of our family to me and I feel it's my responsibility to pass it on to my children and grandchildren," Porter said

Editors note: Sources consulted for the article - Fort Stewart Military Reservation: A Historical Archeological and Architectural Survey. Professional Analysts. 1982.



Sgt. Raymond Piper

Dan Collins shows his grandson, 8-month old Jay Bartelt, the grave site of his grandfather five times removed during the Taylors Creek Association meeting Oct. 20.

Pet of the Week

Sweetie is a 1 year old, female, spaniel. She is very docile and ready to go to a loving home and would make a great pet for any family.

If interested in adopting Sweetie or any other dog or cat, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic located at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.



GOT PET?



Check out the Fort Stewart Vet Clinic. All stray pets found on post are taken to the facility. For more information, call 767-4194.

Call the Fort Stewart Vet Clinic to Find Your Loved One!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

His Tender Mercies

Chap. Charles Herring

Eng. Bde. Chaplain

"The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works." Psalm 145:9

While in the Intensive Care Ward my mother called our family together. With a small smile and a scratchy voice she said, " I know Heaven is my home, but I'm not homesick, yet!" We smiled, held her hand and kissed her on the forehead as she drifted back to sleep.

Each of us knew she was not downplaying her anticipation of Heaven or giving up her battle with illness. She was sharing with us the fact that our Father wants us to enjoy each single day.

I once read an old proverb: "In the judgment, we will be held accountable for every blessing we refused to enjoy."

Our heavenly father wants us to enjoy the many good things He has provided each one of

us. Sometimes we place obstacles to our enjoyment.

For those who are near the end of life, for those who are lonely or depressed, for those whose bodies are weak and disease-ravaged, it is understandable that they long for the indescribable blessings of the land of no more pain, and tears. As Christians, we must not disregard the wonderful daily mercies and the rich bounties our Father gives us. Christian scripture tells us that our Father "gives us richly all things to enjoy" (1Timothy 6:17).

Our Father's goodness is shown to all mankind as recorded in Scripture, "rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17).

All of us, even non-Christians, are able to enjoy much of life's goodness.

Yes, heaven awaits us as Christians, but our Father wants us to be glad and enjoy all His goodness as we journey homeward.

Chaplain's Holiday Voucher Program lends support to military families in need

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Hunter Public Affairs Office

For most, the holidays are a joyous time to be spent with family and loved ones. However, for those with limited disposable income, the season can be a source of stress as parents try to provide for their families.

With the Holiday Voucher Program, the installation chaplains' offices at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are doing their part to help alleviate some of the worry that comes at this time of the year.

The program is designed to distribute \$30 vouchers to soldiers who are identified as having financial need. The vouchers are then redeemable at the post commissaries on both Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield for food items to be used in the preparation of a traditional holiday meal.

By limiting the voucher amounts to \$30 each, the goal is to help the maximum amount of military families in need, said Lt. Col. Michael J. Travaglione, installation chaplain, Hunter Army Airfield.

"The program is open to all military members, regardless of branch of service, stationed on Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield," he added.

Servicemembers who would like to take advantage of the program are instructed to notify their unit chain-of-command.

For those wishing to make a donation, designated collection days are Nov.10 for Thanksgiving and Dec.8 for Christmas during chapel services on both installations.

Donations can also be made by mail. Checks can be made payable to the Chapel Tithe and Offering Fund or CTOF, Garrison Chaplain's Office, 368 Haley Avenue, Hunter Army Airfield, GA 31409...and CTOF, Installation Chaplain's Office, 484 W. 6th Avenue, Fort Stewart, GA 31314.

With the upcoming holidays receiving most of the attention, it is important to remember that the Chaplain's Voucher Program exists all year long. Donations can be made at any time to help soldiers and their families in financial hardship, emphasized Travaglione.

It is requested that anyone wishing to donate over \$250 visit in person, so that a verification letter can be provided to the donor. All donations are tax-deductible.

For more information contact the Hunter Chaplain's Office at 352-5111 or the Fort Stewart Chaplain's Office at 767-3026.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Daily Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Victory	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Wednesday Mass	WACH	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Heritage	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Liturgical	Heritage	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Matters	Vale	11 a.m.
Sunday Contemporary	Marne	6 p.m.
American Samoan		
Sunday Service	Heritage	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist		
Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.
Healing Service		
Tuesday Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Contemporary Service		
Sunday	Marne	6 p.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.

Look Before You Leap...
Observe swimming safety, year-round!



Volunteer Spotlight



Corinne K. McDowell



Corinne Kay McDowell, a Hinesville native, is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital. She volunteers as an inpatient pharmacy technician.

“This will be my first time (volunteering), but I hope this will give me knowledge and the feeling of being able to give back,” McDowell said. McDowell has four children, 4-year-old Ty Cody, 3-year-old Shana Austin, 2-year-old Kayla Jessica-Lynn and 1-year-old Rachael Ann Paige. Her hobbies include reading and baking. If you would like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.



WOODRUFF THEATER

Oct. 31-Nov. 6

Admission for all shows is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.



Spy Kids 2 (PG)

Starring: Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino
Tonight at 7 p.m.
Carmen and Juni are Level 2 OSS agents, about to set off on their own solo mission, or so they think. But this time it will take the whole family — and then some — to keep the world safe from a mysterious volcanic island where none of their gadgets work, and they have to rely on their wits and each other to save the day.
Run time: 86 minutes

Swim Fan (PG-13)

Starring: Jessie Bradford, Erika Christensen
Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.
Ben has it all: friends, a terrific girlfriend, and he’s on the fast-track to an athletic scholarship, until the new girl in town, Madison, sets her sights on him. She becomes his most unexpected nightmare.
Run time: 90 minutes

Good Girl (R)

Starring: Jennifer Aniston, Jake Gyllenhaal
Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m.
Justine discovers her something of a soul mate in Holder. he represents a chance for her to escape into a new world of emotional and sexual awakening. Justine finds herself ensnared in a web of blackmail, larceny and love.

The Four Feathers (R)

Starring: Heath Ledger, Woes Bentley
Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
In 1884, the nations of Europe were scrambling to divide Africa among themselves. A Muslim religious leader, Muhammad Ahmed, known as the Mad, led the Sudanese Arabs in a revolt against British rule and Gen. Charles Gordon was dispatched to quell the rebellion.



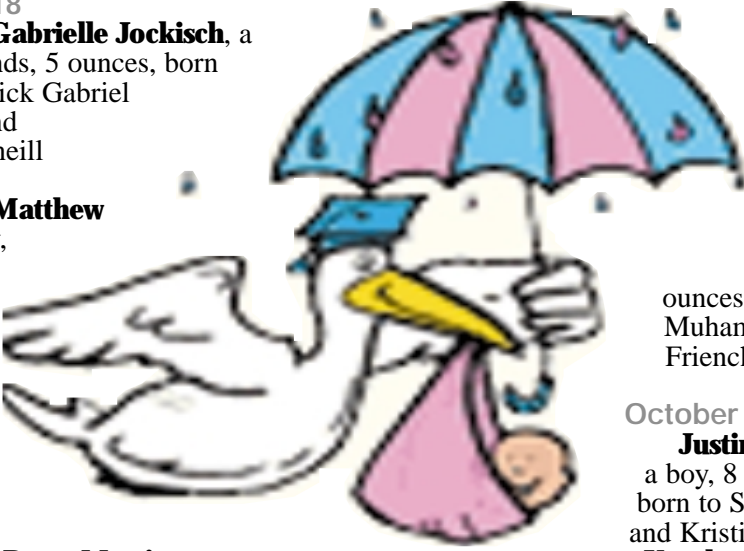
Birth announcements

October 15
Derrick Emanuel Gladden, a boy, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Tennille L. Gladden.
Myles Dalton Briggs, a boy, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Monte D. Briggs Sr. and Beverly J. Briggs.

October 16
Paul Lazus Gatlin, III, a boy, 7 pounds, born to Sgt. Paul Lazus Gatlin Jr. and Carolyn Jenks Gatlin.
Jaaliyah Shantrice Garret, a girl, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. Tavares Garrett and Marlena Garrett.

October 7
Trinity Arrethia Renee Harrison, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Terrance Tramell Harrison and Spc. Sydney Arrethia Harrison.
Joshua Reeves Fite, a boy, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Matthew R. Fite and

Christina Fite.
October 18
Alexis Gabrielle Jockisch, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Patrick Gabriel Jockisch and Kathryn Oneill Jockisch.
Austin Matthew Hall, a boy, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. Matthew Aaron Hall and Jaclyn Michelle Hall.
Riechal Zonelysse Paras Martinez, a girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Fredrick



Martinez and Valerie Ann Martinez.
Tatiana Andrea Harrison, a girl, 5 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Pfc. Witaifa Harrison and Kimberly Harrison.
Allahasia Yasmeen Muhammad, a girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Jonathan Muhammad and Spc. Frienchie L. Muhammad.

October 19
Justin Luke Rosignol, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Sgt. Scott Rosignol and Kristie Rosignol.
Katelyn Elizabeth Isbill, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to

Cpl. Phillip Isbill and Jennifer Isbill.
October 20
Dominic John Barr, a boy, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Sgt. Jason J. Barr and Christina E. Barr.
Warren Chandler Dowling, a boy, 10 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Warren Loring Dowling, III and Tracy Lyn Dowling.
Qwan’ceona Denise Blackmon, a girl, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pfc. Shetelka Blackmon.
Hunter Jacob Hostetler, a boy, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Adam Hostetler and Rebecca Hostetler.

October 21
Hannah Jane Little, a girl, 6 pounds, 4 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Chad D. Little and Lori J. Little.
Nicholas James Piper, a boy, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Douglas E. Piper and Sherry Piper.